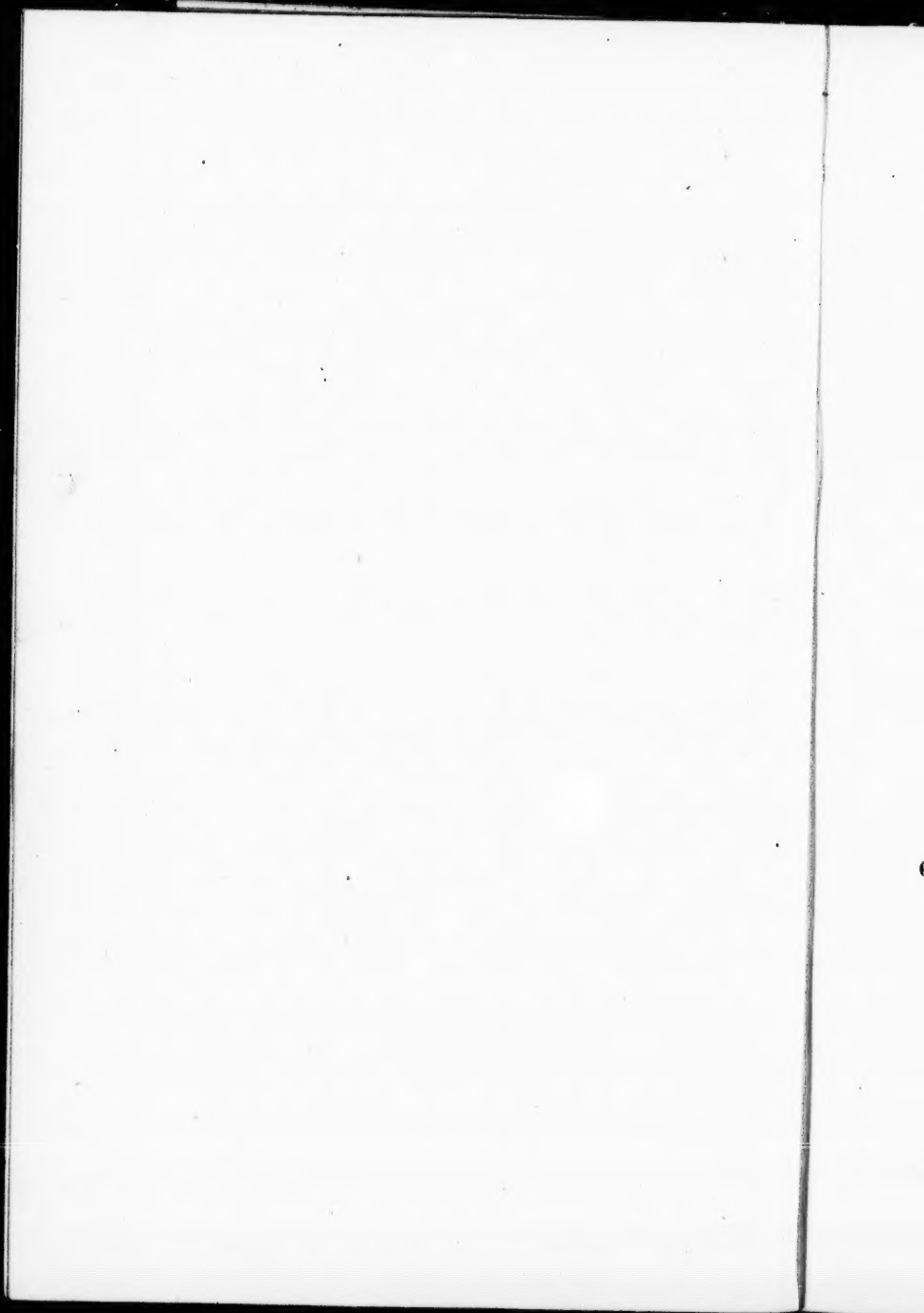




THE BOOK OF LAWS,
OF THE
I. O. O. F., OF ONTARIO

CONTAINING A DIGEST OF THE
LAWS, DECISIONS AND ENACTMENTS

OF THE
GRAND LODGE, OF ONTARIO,
FROM ITS ORGANIZATION TO, AND INCLUDING THE YEAR 1873,
TOGETHER WITH THE
Constitution of the Grand Lodge, and of Subordinate Lodges

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PREFACE.

At the session of the R. W. Grand Lodge, of Ontario, held in Stratford, in 1873, in accordance with the terms of a resolution then adopted, (p. 1014, Jour.) the M. W. Grand Master appointed a committee consisting of James Woodyatt, P. G. M.; H. C. Bingham, P. G. M.; J. B. King, Grand Sec.; A. D. Clement, Grand Treasurer; and Rep. Cl. T. Campbell, with authority "to compile and publish a Book of Laws, containing Constitution of Grand Lodge and of Subordinate Lodges, Rules of Order, Decisions of the Grand Lodge, and such blank Forms and Instructions to Subordinates as they might deem advisable."

In performing the work allotted them, the committee delegated to H. C. Bingham, P. G. M., the duty of compiling, from the Journals of the Grand Lodge, the decisions and enactments of the several sessions, subject to a final revision by the entire committee. A large portion of the book is devoted to this alone, many of the clauses being repeated under different heads for convenience of reference. The decisions and resolutions are arranged alphabetically, and at the end of each title, under the head of "Constitutional References,"

the different clauses of the Constitution and Rules of Order bearing on that subject are enumerated. As, for example, the first section is on "Application;" under this is arranged all legislation in reference to applications for membership, for Cards, for Degrees, and for Charters. The paragraphs relating to applications for Cards, will also be found repeated under the title "Cards;" those relating to applications for Degrees, under "Degrees," and so on. In nearly all cases the precise language of the Journals has been used; in others, as in decisions given in appeals, the substance has been given in the language of the compiler. Any decisions clearly in conflict with those of the G. L., U. S. have been omitted. Care has been taken, however, to avoid the slightest alteration in the enactments of our Grand Lodge; but where they appeared of doubtful legality, or in any way modified by the legislation of the Supreme Body, attention is called to it in a foot note.

In submitting this Book of Laws to the Brotherhood, the committee express the hope that it will be found useful in facilitating the settlement of the many questions coming before the Lodges which are not clearly decided in the Constitutions and By-Laws alone; that, consequently, harmony will be the better secured in Subordinates, and that the time of the Grand Lodge will not be occupied in answering questions that have been previously decided. Upon a careful review of the work, we confidently recommend it as a true transcript of the legislation of our Grand Lodge; for if, by any accident, some comparatively unimportant decision may have been omitted from it, we feel assured that nothing will be found incorrectly stated.

DIGEST.

APPLICATION.

An **Applicant** for Membership by Card in force, must also be in possession of the A. T. P. W.

Page 634, 668, Journal.
Section 266, Digest.

In case of a rejection, (there being two or more Lodges in the same place,) an **Application** thereafter from the party rejected should not be considered by another Lodge in that place without first consulting the Lodge where the rejection occurred.

Page 419, 425, 426, Journal.

An **Applicant** by Card was opposed by more than two Black Balls, and declared by the Vice Grand rejected. The Noble Grand (in ignorance of the law in the case) deemed the **Applicant** elected and so declared. Upon a vote of the Lodge the Noble Grand was sustained, and the candidate was introduced as a member of the Lodge.

The District Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Master having been appealed to, decided against the Noble Grand and the action of the Lodge.

The Brother then **applied** for a Withdrawal Card. The Lodge, having arrived at the conclusion that their action in admitting him (after a legal ballot rejecting him) was illegal, and that the **Applicant** not having signed the Constitution and By-Laws (which act was necessary to complete his Membership,) was not a member of the Lodge, refused the card applied for but returned the fees paid and the card he had deposited with the Lodge.

An appeal to this Grand Lodge having been taken, the final action of the Subordinate Lodge was sustained and the appeal dismissed.

Page 849, 886, 888, Journal.
Con. Subs. Art. 2, Cl. 4, 5, 6.
Section 1132, 1133, 1145, 1925, Digest.

The By-Laws of a Lodge are the only guide as to how long a time must elapse before a Rejected Candidate can again **apply** for Degrees.

Page 419, 425, 426, Journal.
Section 474, Digest.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

- Con. G. L., Cl. 51, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 84, 97.
" Subs., Art. 2, Cl. 1 to 15, inclusive.
" L. Rule of Order, No. 2, Cl. 8.
Con. D. L., Cl. 1, 2, 3, 18.

ADMISSION.

A person claiming to have been an Odd-Fellow, a member of an Extinct Lodge, the records of which have been destroyed, and who cannot procure a Card therefrom, can only be **Admitted** to Membership by Application, Ballot and Fees, as in the case of Initiates, or by obtaining a Card from the Grand Lodge under which the Defunct Lodge existed.

Page 740, 789, 791, Journal.
Con. Subs., Art. 6, Cl. 6.
Section 68, 1181, Digest.

A person gaining **Admission** to a Lodge under an assumed name, would be liable to Trial and Expulsion.

Page 993, 1003, Journal.
Section 924, Digest.

A member of an Extinct Lodge, who did not regularly withdraw, can only be **Admitted** to membership upon a Card from the Grand Lodge from which the Defunct Subordinate held its Charter.

Page 365, 376, Journal.
Section 418, 1169, Digest.

Members without the Term P. W., and in arrears to disqualify them from receiving the same, cannot be **Admitted** to their Lodge without the consent of the Noble Grand.

Page 439, 506, 508, Journal.

NOTE.—Section 1335, Digest, makes this right questionable on the part of the N. G. under the circumstances.

Without the consent of the Noble Grand, a Lodge cannot **Admit** a member who is in arrears sufficiently to debar him from receiving the Term P. W.

Page 460, 507, 508, Journal.

See Note to preceding decision.

Though the Constitution provides that Officers shall wear the Regalia of their respective offices while in the Lodge, and that other members shall wear the Regalia of the highest Degree to which they have attained, it would be unjust to refuse a Brother **Admission** who was unable at the time to procure Regalia in accordance with his rank or station.

Page 578, 588, 589, Journal.

In case of a Brother obtaining **Admission** to a Lodge upon a Password illegally obtained, he should (if a suspended or expelled member) be refused **Admission**; and if not an Expelled or Suspended Member, charges should be preferred against him and he be placed upon trial.

Page 858, 897, 898, Journal

A Subordinate Lodge has no right to **admit** a party to membership who resides in another jurisdiction, or nearer to another Lodge, without the consent of the Lodge or jurisdiction to which the party resides nearest.

Page 849, 850, 862, Journal.

It is left for Subordinate Lodges to decide in each particular case, by means of the ballot, whether it is advisable or expedient to **admit** Ancient Odd-Fellows over the age of 50.

Page 858, 899, Journal.

A Brother over 50 years of age, holding a Card, cannot be **Admitted** to Honorary Membership; but Lodges may provide, by By-Law, for the **Admission** of such Brothers.

Page 740, 789, 791, Journal.
Con. C. L., Cl. 78.
Section 906, 1203, Digest.

It is not necessary that a Brother should be a resident of a place six months before he can **Re-unite** with the Lodge from which he took his Withdrawal Card.

Page 795, 801, Journal.
Section 1128, Digest.

The question regarding the payment of Dues in advance upon the night of Initiation, depends upon the By-Laws of the Lodge the person is joining.

Page 992, 1002, Journal.

Members of the Manchester Unity may be **Admitted** to this Order by Initiation.

Page 301, 500, Journal.
Section 1089, Digest

A Noble Grand should refuse **Admission** to all Visitors who are not in possession of the Term P. W., or an order for it, unless they are in possession of a Card and the A. T. P. W.

Page 855, 901, Journal.
Section 1837, Digest.

In the case of a Brother without a Card, who proves to be in possession of the Secrets of the Order, the ceremony of Initiation may be dispensed with, but his case should be submitted to Committee and Ballot the same as though never **Admitted**, he paying fees in accordance with age and the By-Laws of the Lodge the same as new Applicants.

Page 683, Journal,
Con. Subs., Art. 6, Cl. 6.
Section 70, Digest.

APPROPRIATIONS—ABSENCE.

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CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

Constitution Grand Lodge,	Clause 7, 42, 56.
" " "	Order of Business, No. 11.
" " "	Rules of Order, No. 2, Cl. 3, 4.
Constitution Subordinates,	Art. 2, Cl. 1 to 7, inclusive.
" " "	2, Cl. 9, 11.
" " "	4, Cl. 4.
" " "	5, Cl. 2.
" " "	6, Cl. 6.
Sub. L. Rule of Order,	No. 2, Cl. 7.

APPROPRIATIONS.

This Grand Lodge refuses to make further **Appropriations** for incidental or other expenses, when it is inconsistent to have the object made known to this Grand Lodge.

Page 691, Journal.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

Con. G. L., Cl. 88, 89, 96, 97.
Con. Subs., Art. 5, Cl. 6 to 10, inclusive.

ABSENCE.

A District Deputy Grand Master is empowered to issue a Dispensation for the purpose of electing a Scarlet Degree Member to the office of Noble Grand, all regularly Qualified Brothers being **Absent**.

Page 851, 871, Journal.
Section 1334, 1335, Digest.

On a trial for fraud, a member who was **Absent** at his trial could not be suspended for fraud; he could only be punished for contempt.

Page 672, Journal.

NOTE.—This decision seems to be qualified by
Sections 388, 389, 1824, 1826, Digest.

An Officer instituting a New Lodge, would be justified in erasing the name of a proposed Charter Member from the Dispensation, if such member was **Absent** at the Institution.

Page 874, 898, Journal.

A Lodge violates no law of the Order in Electing, as a Representative, a Past Grand who is **Absent** at the time of election, even though he has sent no excuse for **Absence** or expressed his willingness to accept the position.

Page 766, 780, Journal.

In the **Absence** of a Grand Officer or Past Grand of a Lodge, it is competent for the Noble Grand to call upon a Visiting Past Grand to Install.

Page 539, 587, 589, 590, Journal.
Section 937, 939, Digest.

A Lodge cannot declare the office of Secretary vacant on account of **Absence** for two nights, and elect another to fill the vacancy, without the written resignation of the Brother who filled the office. The Secretary must have been **Absent** three successive meetings, and even then notice must have been given for one week before a vote of the Lodge would be in order declaring the office vacant.

Pages 539, 587, 589, 590, Journal.
Con. Subs., Art. 3, Cl. 13.
Section 1346, Digest.

A Brother who has signified his willingness to accept office, may, though **Absent**, be put in nomination.

Page 540, 587, 589, 590, Journal.
Con. Subs., Art. 3, Cl. 4.

All business of a Lodge is not illegal on account of the **Absence** of the Noble Grand and Vice Grand, the Past Grand having presided.

Page 660, 668, Journal.
Section 1008, Digest.

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CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

- Con. G. L., Cl. 24, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32.
 " " Rule of Order No. 2, Cl. 2.
 " Subs., Art. 3, Cl. 4, 5, 13, 14.
 " " L. Rule of Order No. 2, Cl. 2.
 " D. L., Cl. 15.

AMENDMENTS.

A motion having been made and seconded, any motion that does not actually **Amend** the same would not be in order, except it be a Privileged Question.

Page 851, 904, Journal.
 Sub. L. Rule of Order, No. 4.

Amending, Suspending or Repealing By-Laws, must be done strictly according to law.

Page 766, 783, Journal.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

- Con. G. L., Cl. 48, 75, 93.
 " G. L. Rule of Order No. 2, Cl. 5.
 " " " 5, 7, 22, 23.
 Con. Subs., Art. 6, Cl. 12, 14.
 " " " 8, " 5.
 Sub. L. Rule of Order No. 2, Cl. 3.
 " " " " 4, 6, 20, 21.

ADJOURNMENT.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

- Con. G. L., Cl. 58.
 G. L. Rules of Order, No. 1.
 " " " " 2, Cl. 15.
 " " " " 5.
 Sub. L. " " " 4.

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ADVISORY BOARD.

Con. G. L., Cl. 40.

ANCIENT ODD-FELLOW.

An **Ancient Odd-Fellow** is not required to pay Fees for Degrees, provided he can prove himself in those Degrees.

Page 740, 789, 791, Journal
Section 70, Digest.

An **Ancient Odd-Fellow** having been Proposed and Balloted for upon deposit of Card, cannot claim the right to withdraw his Card deposited.

Page 857, 901, Journal.

It is left to Subordinate Lodges to decide, by means of the ballot, in each particular case, whether it is advisable or expedient to admit **Ancient Odd-Fellows** over the age of 50.

Page 858, 899, Journal.

Members of Defunct Lodges may be reinstated in Subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction as **Ancient Odd-Fellows**, (on producing proper evidence of previous good standing,) upon such terms as Subordinate Lodges may prescribe.

Page 237 Journal.
Con. Subs. Art. 6, Cl. 6.
Section 70, 418, Digest.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

Con. Subs., Art. 2, Cl. 5.

ACCOUNTS.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

Con. G. L., Cl. 32, 33, 44, 62, 87, 88, 96.
G. L. Rule of Order No. 2, Cl. 7.
Sub. L. Rule of Order No. 2, Cl. 11.

ARREARS.

The question as to when a member is in **Arrears** depends wholly upon the By-Laws of his Lodge.

Page 683, Journal.

A member without the Term P. W., and in **Arrears** to disqualify from receiving the same, cannot gain Admission even to his own Lodge, without the consent of the Noble Grand.

Page 459, 506, 508, 460, 507, 508, Journal

Section 1534, 1535, Digest.

NOTE. - It is doubtful if N. G. has right.

A sick Brother cannot make himself good on the books by paying his **Arrears** before being reported sick.

Page 419, 425, 426, Journal.

Section 169, 170, Digest.

When the By-Laws of a Lodge make the dues payable "*Quarterly in Advance*," a member would be thirteen weeks in **Arrears** who had not, upon the first meeting in the quarter, paid his dues in advance.

Page 992, 1002, 1003, Journal.

A Brother having ceased Membership for non-payment of Dues, cannot Reinstatement himself by merely paying his **Arrears** to the Secretary. His **Arrears** having been so paid and received by the Secretary, would not give him or his Widow any claim to Benefits in case of his sickness or death.

Page 633, 668, 672, 673, 681, 682, 793, Journal.

Suspension from membership does not work Suspension from **Arrears** or Dues.

Page 766, 779, Journal.

Section 112, 562, 1678, Digest.

Without the consent of the Noble Grand, a Lodge cannot admit a member who is in **Arrears** sufficiently to debar him from receiving the same.

Page 460, 507, 508, Journal.

Section 1534, 1535, Digest.

NOTE.—It is doubtful if even the N. G. can do so under the circumstances.

A ballot rejecting a candidate is not void because a Brother voted who was in **Arrears**, and a reconsideration can only be had as defined by Section 128, 129, Digest of the G. L., U. S.

Page 766, 784, 785, Journal.

A Widow is not entitled to Benefits, whose husband paid his **Arrears** during his last illness.

Page 369, Journal.
Section 118, 169, 170, Digest.

A Brother more than twelve months in **Arrears** cannot claim Reinstatement on paying one year's dues.

Page 418, 425, 426, Journal.

When the By-Laws of a Lodge require dues payable *in advance*, a member would not be entitled to the Term P. W. until he had so paid, and would be in **Arrears**.

Page 854, 855, 871, Journal.

A sick Brother, in **Arrears**, cannot, by paying **Arrears** while sick, become entitled to Benefits during that illness.

Page 765, 783, 784, Journal.
Section 169, 170, Digest.

A Vice Grand's seat is not vacated because he was Elected and Installed while in **Arrears**.

Page 875, 898, Journal.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

Con. G. L., Cl. 62, 82, 84.

Con. Subs., Art. 2, Cl. 10.

" " " 4, " 10, 11.

" " " 6, " 4, 5, 6.

ASSESSMENT.

It would be unconstitutional to pass a By-Law to Assess every Brother of a Lodge, one dollar upon the death of each member of the Lodge in Good Standing, (the amount to be

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paid to the legal representatives of the deceased), and to disqualify every member refusing or neglecting to pay the **Assessment** for three months, from Lodge Benefits.

Page 854, 873, Journal.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

Con. G. L., Cl. 4, 44, 62, 85, 86.

Con. Subs., Art. 4, Cl. 9.

ANNUITIES.

Clause 96, of the Grand Lodge Constitution, defines the provision made for Widows' and Orphans' receiving **Annuities** from the Funds of a Lodge whose Charter and Effects have been surrendered to this Grand Lodge.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES

Con. G. L., Clause 96.

Con. Subs., Art. 5, Cl. 10.

APPOINTMENTS.

The question as to the necessity of all **Appointed Officers** having the Scarlet Degree, depends upon the By-Laws of the Lodge.

Page 768, 789, 791, Journal.

After a Committee have Reported in favor of Expulsion, the Lodge must act on the Report as made, and cannot ignore the Committee and its Report by **Appointing** another Committee in the case.

Page 538, 587, Journal.

Con. Subs., Art. 2, Cl. 4.

Section 1847, Digest.

In the absence of definite instructions, a Subordinate Lodge is responsible for the Debts or Expenses incurred by a Com-

mittee of its own **Appointment**, in getting up Pic-Nics, Excursions, &c.

Page 660, 668, Journal.

NOTE.—Section 106 (a), Digest seems to limit this power.

Twenty-six nights service in an **Appointed Office**, Qualifies a Brother for filling the Office of Vice Grand.

Page 540, 587, 589, 590, Journal.

Con. Subs., Art. 3, Cl. 2.

Two months service in an **Appointed Office** in a New Lodge, Qualifies a Brother for an Elective Office, all regularly Qualified Brothers having declined.

Page 540, 587, 589, 591, Journal.

The Noble Grand has the power of making all the **Appointments** for Office in the Lodge, except the Supporters of the Vice Grand, it being understood that all **Appointments** are subject to the approval of the Lodge.

Page 634, 668, Journal.

Con. Subs., Art. 3, Cl. 9, 10.

Section 1368, Digest.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

Con. G. L., Cl. 26, 27, 29, 39, 41 to 52 inclusive, and 54, 93, 95.

G. L. Order of Business No. 4, 9, 14.

Con. Subs., Art. 2, Cl. 3.

" " " 3, Cl. 9, 10, 11, 12, 14.

" " " 4, Cl. 11.

Con. D. L., Cl. 9, 16.

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CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

Con. G. L., Cl. 4, 29, 41, 45.

G. L. Order of Business, No. 15.

G. L. Rules of Order, No. 2, Cl. 9, 11.

" " " 17, 19.

Con. Subs., Art. 2, Cl. 14.

" " " 6, Cl. 9, 13, 14, 15.

Sub. L. Rule of Order, No. 14, 15.

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BALLOT.

The Noble Grand has no right to order a new **Ballot** in case of a Rejection, unless all the Brothers who cast the Black Balls ask for a Re-consideration ; and such Re-consideration must be had in accordance with the Digest of the G. L., U. S., Sections 128, 129.

Page 768, 790, 791, Journal.

In case of a tie between two or more of the lowest in an Election, (three or more being in Nomination), a **Ballot** should be immediately taken between those tying, to determine which to drop on proceeding to a new regular **Ballot**; but in no case in a **Ballot** for Officers should the Noble Grand give the Casting Vote.

Page 767, 789, 791, Journal.

When a Subordinate Lodge confers the Degrees upon its own members, it is not necessary that all Brothers should be in possession of the Scarlet Degree to entitle them to **Ballot** for Degree Master.

Page 769, 790, 791, Journal.

It is competent for a Subordinate Lodge by a two-thirds Vote, to Re-consider a favorable **Ballot** and order a new one, but the Noble Grand has not that right.

Page 991, 992, 1003, Journal.
Section 131, Digest.

After the reception of the Report of a Committee on character, it is not competent for the Noble Grand with the consent of the Lodge, to Postpone the **Ballot**, because of a statement that the Applicant is suffering from Congestion of the lungs.

Page 854, 896, 897, Journal
Con. Subs., Art. 2, Cl. 4.

It is left to Subordinate Lodges to determine in each particular case, by means of the **Ballot**, whether it is advisable to Re-instate Ancient Odd-Fellows over the age of 50.

Page 858, 899, Journal.

It is competent for a Subordinate Lodge by a two-thirds Vote, to Re-consider a favorable **Ballot** and order a new one, but the Noble Grand has not that power.

Page 991, 992, 1003, Journal.
Section 131, Digest.

A Lodge having by **Ballot** granted a Final Card, and the Noble Grand (through misunderstanding of the law) having declared the Card refused, the Decision of the Noble Grand would not be binding on the Lodge, and the applicant should receive his Card.

Page 901, Journal.

The Noble Grand has no right in any case to give the Casting Vote on a **Ballot**.

Page 634, 668, 767, 789, 791, Journal.

Withdrawal Cards must be granted by **Ballot**.

Page 633, 668, Journal.
Section 244, 1043, Digest.

The Noble Grand has a Casting Vote in case of a tie on all questions, except those determined by **Ballot**.

Page 419, 425, 426, Journal.

In the case of a Brother without a Card, who proves upon examination to be in possession of the Secrets of the Order, the ceremony of Initiation may be dispensed with, but his case should be submitted to Committee and a **Ballot**, the same as though he had never been Initiated, he paying an Initiation Fee according to his age and the By-Laws of the Lodge, the same as new Applicants.

Page 683, Journal.
Con. Sub., Art. 6, Cl. 6.
Section 70, Digest.

A person claiming to have been a member of the Order, of a Defunct Lodge, the Records of which have been destroyed, and who cannot procure a Card therefrom, can only be Re-instated in the Order by application, **ballot** and Fee, as in

the case of an Initiate, or by presenting a Card from the Grand Jurisdiction to which he formerly belonged.

Page 740, 789, 791, Journal.
Con. Subs., Art. 6, Cl. 6.
Section 68, 1181, Digest.

No Vote of the Lodge is necessary to receive the Report of a Committee on character before the **ballot** is taken.

Page 951, 952, 1004, 1012, Journal.

In Re-instating an Ancient Odd-Fellow, (he having been proposed and Balloted for upon deposit of Card), he cannot claim the right to Withdraw his Card deposited.

Page 857, 901, Journal.

A Sub. Lodge may, by a two-thirds Vote, declare a favorable **ballot** void, but the Noble Grand cannot do so without the Vote of the Lodge.

Page 911, 916, Journal.
Section 131, Digest.

Before the declaration of the result, a **ballot** may be declared void, provided any Brother claims he cast a Black Ball by mistake.

Page 795, 801, Journal, Ontario.
Page 5852, 5936, Journal, G. L., U. S.

When the Report of a Committee on character has been received, any Brother has the right and should have the opportunity to make remarks, either for or against the Candidate before the **ballot** is taken.

Page 1049, 1064, Journal.

Balloting for Initiates without Ball **ballots** is illegal and void, and a new **ballot** with Ball **ballots** on the same case would be legal and in order.

Page 248, 260, 261, Journal, O.
Page 5847, 5935, Journal, G. L., U. S.

Where only one Candidate is in Nomination for any Office, a **ballot** is unnecessary.

Page 865, 900, Journal.
Con. Subs., Art. 3, Cl. 7.

In **balloting** for Representatives to the Grand Lodge, (two or three of the lowest tying), the Lodge should determine by **ballot** which one of those tying should be dropped.

Page 866, 903, Journal.

After the reception of the Report of a Committee on character, it is not competent for the Noble Grand with the concurrence of the Lodge, to Postpone the **ballot**, on account of a statement that the Candidate was suffering from congestion of the lungs.

Page 854, 896, 897, Journal.
Con. Subs., Art. 2, Cl. 4.

An unfavorable **ballot** is not void because a member Voting is in Arrears. A Re-consideration can only be had in accordance with the Digest G. L., U. S., Section 128, 129.

Page 766, 784, 785, Journal.

A Noble Grand has no right to **ballot** in an Election for Office.

Page 634, 668, Journal.

On a **ballot** for a Candidate against whom three Black Balls appeared, two of which were cast by mistake, (as acknowledged by those casting them), the **ballot** is not void, and the Candidate is Rejected, and a Re-consideration can only be had in accordance with the Digest, G. L., U. S., Section 128, 129.

Page 992, 1002.

The proper mode of **balloting** for Representatives is defined in the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, Clauses 9, 10 and 11, and in Article 3, Clauses 7 and 8 of the Constitution for Subordinates. Revised Editions of 1873.

Pages 855, 871, Journal.

In **balloting** for Representative to Grand Lodge, only one name should be written upon any ticket, and a majority of the **ballots** cast shall be necessary to a choice. Should there

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be no choice upon any **ballot**, the name of the Candidate having the lowest number of Votes shall be dropped on proceeding to a new **ballot**.

Page 577, 595, 740, 789, 791, Journal, O.
Con. Subs., Art. 3, Cl. 7, 8.
Con. G. L., Cl. 10.

In an Election for Representative, the Candidate receiving a majority Vote over all others in Nomination would be Elected, and in case more than one Representative was to be chosen, all others in previous Nomination would be again in Nomination on proceeding to the next choice.

Page 991, 1010, Journal.
Con. Subs., Art. 3, Cl. 7, 8.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

Con. G. L., Cl. 9 to 13 inclusive.
" " " 18, 19, 20, 21, 24, 28.
Con. Subs., Art. 2, Cl. 4, 5, 7, 10, 11, 14.
" " " 3, Cl. 7, 8, 14.
" " " 6, Cl. 7, 8.
Sub. Lodge, Rule of Order No. 2, Cl. 6.

BENEFITS.

A member debarred from **Benefits** by non-payment of dues, cannot by payment, become entitled to **benefits**, for a sickness commencing while he was so disqualified.

Page 633, 668, Journal O.
Page 14, Section 5, Old Digest, G.L., U.S.
Section 169, 170, New Digest, G.L., U.S.

A member cannot, by paying dues while sick, become entitled to **benefits** during that sickness.

Page 765, 783, 784, Journal.
Section 169, 170, Digest.

It is competent for a Lodge to adopt a Funeral **Benefit** of Fifty Dollars.

Page 854, 873, Journal.
Con. Subs., Art. 5, Cl. 7.

A sick member cannot make himself good on the books, by paying arrears before being reported sick.

Page 419, 425, 426, Journal.
Section 169, 170, Digest.

A Brother not six months a member of a Lodge would not be entitled to **benefits** for a sickness commencing during said six months, except under special vote of the Lodge, as provided for special relief. (a.)

Page 660, 668, Journal.
Section 290, Digest.

(a.) Unless provided by By-Law:

A Brother having ceased membership by Non-payment of Dues, cannot re-instate himself by merely paying his arrears to the Secretary. His arrears having been so paid and received by the Secretary, would not give him or his widow any claim to **benefits** in case of his sickness or death.

Pages 633, 668, 672, 681, 682, 793, Journal.

This Grand Lodge approves of a By-Law providing that any suspended member (who by ballot may be deemed worthy) may be re-instated in his Lodge by paying his dues as they accrue from the date of re-instatement, and should he at any time become entitled to **Benefits**, said **Benefits** shall first be applied to balance the arrears charged against him prior to his re-instatement, unless previously paid.

Page 266, Journal.
Sec. 112, Digest.

It would be unconstitutional to pass a By-Law to assess every Brother of a Lodge one dollar upon the death of each member of the Lodge in good standing, (the amount to be paid to the legal representative of the deceased,) and to disqualify every member refusing or neglecting to pay the assessment, for three months, from Lodge **benefits**.

Page 854, 873, Journal.

It is competent for a Lodge to adopt a By-Law providing a **Funeral benefit** of Fifty Dollars.

Page 854, 873, Journal.
Con. Subs., Art. 5, Cl. 7.

An Insane Brother in good standing, though otherwise provided for, would be entitled to regular weekly sick **benefits**.

Page 577, 588, 589, 591, Journal.
Section 177, Digest.

A widow would not be entitled to **benefits** whose husband paid his arrears during his last illness.

Page 369, Journal.
Section 118, 169, 170, Digest.

Whether a vote of the Lodge is necessary in granting regular **benefits**, (when no objection is made) depends upon the By-Laws of the Lodge.

Page 418, 425, 426, Journal.

A Brother who is able to go about his usual duties would not be entitled to **benefits**; but if unable so to do and can prove it, his Lodge should pay his **benefits**.

Page 540, 587, 589, 590, Journal.

If the By-Laws of a Lodge provide that Notice of Sickness must be given within a limited time, and such notice is not given within the prescribed time, the Brother, in such a case, would not be entitled to **benefits** during that illness.

Page 993, 1005, Journal.

A Brother while receiving sick **benefits**, if legally elected and instructed in the Degrees when receiving **benefits**, would be entitled to the increased sick pay pertaining to the Degree to which he had attained.

Page 991, 1001, Journal.

It would not be advisable to provide a By-Law enacting that members should be entitled to **benefits** for six months after taking Withdrawal Cards.

Page 769, 790, 791, Journal.
Section 166, 167, Digest.

The fact of a Lodge having paid **benefits** to a member while not in good standing, is no ground upon which to base a claim for a continuance of payment.

Page 671, Journal.

A widow in receipt of **benefits**, would not forfeit the same by removal from the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Page 686, 687, Journal.

Section 187, Digest.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

Con. G. L., Cl. 96.

Con. Subs., Art. 5, Cl. 6 to 10 inclusive.

BY-LAWS.

Whether a vote of the Lodge is necessary or not in granting regular benefits, depends upon the **By-Laws** of a Lodge.

Page 418, 425, 426, Journal.

Membership commences with the introduction to the Lodge, after having signed the Constitution and **By-Laws**.

Page 865, 897, Journal.

Con. Subs., Art. 2, Cl. 6.

Section 1132, 1133, 1145, 1925, Digest.

A Noble Grand is not justified in refusing to sign a draft ordered by his Lodge in conformity to the Constitution and **By-Laws** of the Lodge.

Page 859, 902, Journal.

When the **By-Laws** of a Lodge require the dues payable in advance, a member would not be entitled to the term P. W. until he had so paid; and would be in arrears.

Page 854, 855, 871, Journal.

If the **By-Laws** of a Lodge provide that notice of sickness must be given within a limited time, and such notice is not given within the prescribed time, the Brother in such a case would not be entitled to benefits during that illness.

Page 993, 1005, Journal.

The question as to the Scarlet Degree being a necessary qualification for all appointed Officers, depends upon the **By-Laws** of the Lodge.

Page 768, 789, 791, Journal.

The By-Laws of a Lodge are the only guide as to how long a time must elapse after rejection for Degrees, before a Brother can again apply for Degrees.

Page 419, 425, 426, Journal.
Section 474, Digest.

This Grand Lodge approves a **By-Law**, providing that any suspended member (who may by ballot be deemed worthy) may be re-instated in his Lodge, by paying his dues as they accrue from the date of re-instatement, and should he at any time become entitled to benefits, said benefits shall first be applied to balance the arrears charged against him at the time of his re-instatement, unless previously paid.

Page 266, Journal.
Section 112, Digest.

A Brother over 50 years of age holding a card, cannot be admitted to Honorary Membership, but Lodges may provide by **By-Law** for the admission or re-instatement of such members.

Page 740, 789, 791, Journal.
Con. G. L., Cl. 78.
Section 906, 1203, Digest.

Subordinate Lodge Seals cannot be used by the Officers of a Lodge except under special instructions of the Lodge, or in obedience to the **By-Laws** of the Lodge.

Page 7, Journal, O, of 1859.
Section 990, Digest.

A Brother not six months a member of a Lodge, would not be entitled to benefits for a sickness commencing during said six months, except under special vote of the Lodge as provided for special relief, unless the **By-Laws** so provided.

Pages 660, 668, Journal.
Section 290, Digest.

It is competent for a Lodge to adopt a **By-Law** providing a Funeral Benefit of Fifty Dollars.

Pages 854, 873, Journal.
Con. Subs., Art. 5, Cl. 7.

It would be unconstitutional to pass a **By-Law** to assess every Brother of a Lodge one dollar upon the death of each member of a Lodge in good standing, (the amount to be paid to the legal representatives of the deceased) and to disqualify every member refusing or neglecting to pay the assessment from Lodge benefits.

Pages 854, 873, Journal.

It is not compulsory upon all Brothers present, to vote when balloting for members, unless the **By-Laws** of the Lodge require it.

Pages 661 668, Journal.

NOTE.—Section 1919 (a) Digest, seems to render the above decision a doubtful one.

It would not be advisable to enact a **By-Law** providing that Brothers should be entitled to benefits for six months after taking Withdrawal Cards.

Pages 769, 790, 791, Journal.
Section 166, 167, Digest.

By-Laws enacting that Dues shall be paid semi-annually, are not approved and are not advisable.

Pages 1045, 1050, 1054, Journal.

The question as to paying dues in advance upon the night of initiation, depends upon the **By-Laws** of a Lodge.

Page 992, 1002, Journal.

When the **By-Laws** of a Lodge enact that the Dues shall be payable quarterly in advance, a Brother would be thirteen weeks in arrears who did not on the first night in the quarter pay his quarterly dues in advance.

Pages 992, 1002, 1010, Journal.

BY-LAWS—BLACK BALLS.

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A Lodge may continue to work without adopting **By-Laws**.

Page 740, 789, 791, Journal.

The **By-Laws** of a Lodge, so far as applicable, are as binding on Visitors as others.

Pages 795, 801, Journal.

Amending, suspending and repealing **By-Laws**, must be done strictly according to Law.

Pages 766, 783, Journal.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

Con. G. L., Cl. 7, 46, 76, 90, 91, 92.

Con. Subs., Art. 2., Cl. 6., Art. 3, Cl. 1, 6.

" " 4, Cl. 1, 2.

" " 5, Cl. 1, 4 to 10 inclusive.

" " 6, Cl. 1, Art. 8, Cl. 1, 2.

Sub. Lodge Rule of Order No. 2, Cl. 9.

Con. D. L., Cl. 20.

BLACK BALLS.

A Noble Grand has no right to order a new ballot in case of a rejection, unless all the Brothers who cast **Black Balls** ask for a re-consideration, and then the whole re-consideration must be in accordance with Sections 128 and 129, Digest, G. L., U. S.

Page 768, 790, 791, Journal.

On a ballot for a Candidate against whom Three **Black Balls** appeared, two of which were cast by mistake, (as acknowledged by those casting them,) the ballot is not void and the candidate is rejected, and a re-consideration of the ballot can only be had in accordance with Section 128 and 129, Digest, G. L., U. S.

Page 992, 1002, Journal.

Before the declaration of the result, a ballot may be de-

clared void, provided any Brother claims he cast a **Black Ball** by mistake.

Page 795, 801, Journal, O.
Page 5852, 5936, Journal, U. S.

An Applicant by Card was opposed by *more than two Black Balls* and declared by the Vice Grand, on his examination of the ballot box, rejected.

The Noble Grand, in ignorance of the law in the case, deemed the Candidate elected and so declared.

Upon a vote of the Lodge, the Noble Grand was sustained, and the Candidate was introduced as a member of the Lodge. The D. D. G. Master and the Grand Master having been appealed to, decided against the action of the Noble Grand and the Lodge. The Brother then applied for a Withdrawal Card. The Lodge having arrived at the conclusion that their action in admitting the Brother (after a legal ballot rejecting him) was illegal, and that the Applicant, not having signed the Constitution and By-Laws (which act was necessary to complete his membership,) was not a member of the Lodge, refused the Card asked for, but returned him the fees paid and the Card he had deposited with the Lodge.

On an appeal to this Grand Lodge, the final action of the Lodge was sustained and the Appeal dismissed.

Page 849, 886, 888, Journal.
Con. Subs., Art. 2, Cl. 4, 5, 6.
Section 1132, 1133, 1145, 1925, Digest

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

Con. Subs., Art. 2, Cl. 4, 5.
" " " 2, " 11.
" " " 2, " 14.

BUSINESS.

All **business** of a Lodge is not illegal on account of the absence of the Noble Grand and Vice Grand, the Past Grand presiding.

Page 660, 668, Journal.
Section 1008, Digest.

This Grand Lodge does not deem it advisable to enter into the settlement of differences in **business** between Members of the Order, or between Subordinate Lodges and other parties.

Page 660, 661, 668, Journal.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

Con. G. L., Cl. 55, 56, 57, 60.

G. L. Order of Business, No. 16, 18, 21.

" Rule of Order, No. 1.

" " " " 2, Cl. 13, 14.

Con. Subs., Art. 4, Cl. 2, 3.

Sub. L. Rule of Order No. 2, Cl. 12, No. 20.

Con. D. L., Cl. 5.

CARDS.

It is not necessary that a Brother should be a resident of a place six months before he can re-unite with the Lodge from which he took his **Withdrawal Card**.

Page 795, 801, Journal.

Section 1128, Digest.

Withdrawal Cards must be granted by ballot.

Page 633, 668, Journal.

Section 244, 1043, Digest.

An Applicant for membership by **Card** (in force) must be in possession of the A. T. P. W.

Page 634, 668, Journal.

Section 266, Digest.

When the holder of a **Withdrawal Card** has deposited it, and thereby become a member of another Lodge, the Lodge that issued the **Card** has no power to annul it.

Page 634, 668, Journal.

Section 285, Digest.

A Brother over 50 years of age, holding a **Card**, cannot be admitted to Honorary Membership, but Lodges may provide

CARDS.

by By-Law for the Admission of members over 50 holding **Cards**.

Page 740, 789, 791, Journal.
Con. G. L., Cl. 78.
Section 1203, Digest.

Visiting Cards, though in force, are not available for Visiting without the A. T. P. W.

Page 740, 789, 791, Journal.
Section 257, 1853, Digest.

A member of an extinct Lodge, who did not regularly withdraw, can only be re-admitted to membership upon a **card** from the Grand Lodge from which the Defunct Lodge held its Charter.

Page 365, 376, Journal.
Section 418, 1169, Digest.

A Brother joining by **card** must be in possession of the A. T. P. W., no matter to what jurisdiction he formerly belonged.

Page 856, 870, Journal.
Section 266, Digest.

Upon deposit of **card** by an Ancient Odd-Fellow, after having been duly Proposed and Elected, he has no right to demand the return of the **card** deposited.

Page 857, 901, Journal.

A Lodge having, by regular Ballot, granted a **Final Card**, and the Noble Grand (through misunderstanding of the law) having declared the **card** refused, the decision of the Noble Grand would not be binding on the Lodge, and the Applicant should receive his **card**.

Page 901, Journal.

It would not be advisable to provide by law that Brothers should be entitled to Benefits for six months after taking **Final Cards**.

Page 769, 790, 791, Journal.
Section 166, 167, Digest.

A Brother taking a **withdrawal card** is also entitled to the A. T. P. W.

Page 855, 871, Journal.
Section 261, Digest.

A person claiming to have been a member of the Order of a Defunct Lodge, the Records of which have been destroyed, and who cannot procure a **Card** therefrom, can only be Re-instated in the Order by Application Ballot and Fee, the same as in case of an Initiate, or by presenting a **Card** from the Grand Jurisdiction to which he formerly belonged.

Page 740, 789, 791, Journal.
Con. Subs, Art. 6, Cl. 6.
Section 68, 1181, Digest.

Without the Term P. W., a Noble Grand cannot admit a Visitor from another Lodge, unless he presents an order for the same, or is in possession of a **Card** in force and the A. T. P. W.

Page 855, 901, Journal.
Section 1857, Digest.

Grand Officers, including Grand Representatives, are permitted to introduce Visitors without the usual formalities.

Page 740, 789, 791, Journal.
Section 1280, 1292, Digest.

An applicant by **Card** was opposed by more than two Black Balls and declared Rejected by the Vice Grand on his examination of the Ballot.

The Noble Grand in ignorance of the Law in the case, deemed the Applicant Elected, and so announced to the Lodge. Upon a Vote of the Lodge, the Noble Grand was sustained and the Brother was introduced as a member of the Lodge. The D. D. G. M. and the Grand Master having been appealed to, decided against the Noble Grand and the Lodge. The Brother then applied for a **Withdrawal Card**, but the Lodge having arrived at the conclusion that their action (after a legal Ballot rejecting him) was illegal, and that the Applicant not having signed the Constitution and By-Laws, (which act was necessary to complete his Membership, (Con. Subs., Art. 2, Cl. 6) was not a member of the Lodge, refused the **Card** asked for, but returned the Fees paid and the **Card** he had deposited with the Lodge.

CARDS—CHARGES.

On an Appeal to this Grand Lodge, the final action of the Subordinate Lodge was sustained and the Appeal dismissed.

Page 849, 886, 888, Journal.

Con. Subs., Art. 2, Cl. 4, 5, 6.

Section 1132, 1133, 1145, 1925, Digest.

Charter Members should pay to a New Lodge the regular Fees for Deposit of **Card**, according to the By-Laws of the New Lodge.

Page 661, 668, 769, 790, 791, Journal.

A Brother cannot Visit on the A. T. P. W. alone, he must also have a **Card** in force.

Page 855, 901, Journal.

Section 1853, 1868, 1875, 1876, Digest.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

Con. G. L., Cl. 37, 69, 84.

Con. Subs., Art. 2, Cl. 5, 14, 15.

" " " 5, Cl. 5.

CHARGES.

PENAL.

The proper method of dealing with members for Insubordination, is to prefer **Charges** against them and place them on Trial.

Page 768, 789, 791, Journal.

The Noble Grand has the right to withhold the Term P. W. in case of a member who holds an Order for it, if a **Charge** is pending against the Brother.

Page 856, 872, Journal.

When a District Deputy Grand Master persists in Installing an Officer protested against, on account of his being in Arrears for Dues, the proper method to deal with him, would be to prefer **Charges** against him and place him on trial.

Page 854, 873, Journal.

Section 324, Digest.

CHARGES—CHARTER MEMBERS.

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In case of a Brother gaining Admission to a Lodge upon a P. W. illegally obtained, he should (if a Suspended or Expelled member) be refused Admission, and if not a Suspended or Expelled member, and still persists in entering the Lodge, **Charges** should be preferred against him and he should at once be placed on trial.

Page 858, 897, 898, Journal.

Suspension for fraud, the Brother **Charged** being absent at trial is illegal. The Brother could only be punished for contempt.

Page 672, Journal.

NOTE.—This decision seems to be qualified by

Section 388, 389, 1824, Digest.

D. D. G. Masters are subject to the same **Charges** and Trials as other members for Insubordination.

Page 768, 769, 790, 791, Journal.

Section 324, Digest.

Charges against Lodges, Lodge Officers or private Members should be brought in the form and manner required by Law.

Page 768, 769, 790, 791, Journal.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

Con. G. L., Cl. 13 to 17 inclusive, and 45.

Con. Subs., Art. 6, Cl. 1 to 15 inclusive.

CHARTER MEMBERS.

Charter Members of New Lodges should pay the regular fees for deposit of card, as provided by the By-Laws of the New Lodge.

Page 769, 790, 791, Journal.

The mere fact of a Brother having been a **Charter Member** of one Lodge, confers no special privileges upon him in another Lodge.

Page 1010, Journal.

38 CHARTER MEMBERS—CHARTERS, ETC.

In a newly instituted Lodge any **Charter Member** is eligible for the office of Vice-Grand, if the Recording Secretary declines.

Page 540, 587, 589, 590, Journal.

The refunding of a portion of the Fees for Initiation and Degrees, is recommended in favor of the **Charter Members** of New Lodges after their organization.

Page 37, Journal, O., of 1859.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

Con. G. L., Cl. 69, 70, 97.

Con. Subs., Art. 1.

Con. D. L., Cl. 1, 2, 4.

CHARTERS.

A Subordinate Lodge cannot erase from its **Charter** the name of a member on account of his Expulsion.

Page 792, Journal.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

Con. G. L., Cl. 4, 29, 32, 70, 71, 82, 83, 94, 95, 97.

Con. Subs., Art. 1.

" " 4, Cl. 11.

Con. D. L., Cl. 2, 3, 22.

CANDIDATES.

After the reception of the Report of a Committee on character, it is not competent for the Noble Grand to postpone the Ballot, on account of a statement that the **Candidate** is suffering from congestion of the lungs.

Page 854, 896, 897, Journal.

Con. Subs., Art. 2, Cl. 4.

The proposer of a **Candidate** for Membership cannot withdraw the Proposition after the Committee have reported unfavorably.

Page 856, 873, Journal.
Section 918, Digest.

A Ballot rejecting a **Candidate** is not void because a member who voted was in arrears, and a re-consideration can only be had as defined by Sections 128 and 129, Digest, G. L., U. S.

Page 766, 784, 785, Journal.

On a Ballot for a **Candidate** against whom three Black Balls appeared, two of which were cast by mistake (as acknowledged by those casting them) the Ballot is not void, and the **Candidate** is rejected, and a re-consideration of the Ballot can only be had in accordance with Sections 128, 129, Digest, G. L., U. S.

Page 992, 1002, Journal.

After the Report of a Committee on character has been received, any Brother has the right and should have the opportunity to make remarks, either for or against the **Candidate** before the Ballot is taken.

Page 1049, 1064, Journal.

A Committee on Character should make no final Report without having seen the **Candidate** and obtained from him the answer to the usual questions.

Page 855, 872, Journal.

It is clearly a violation of the Constitution and of the usages of the Order for any Lodge to initiate **Candidates** resident within the jurisdiction of another Lodge, unless the consent of that Lodge is first obtained.

Page 849, 850, 862, Journal.

The By-Laws of a Lodge are the only guide as to how long a time must elapse before a Rejected **Candidate** can again apply for Degrees.

Page 419, 425, 426, Journal.
Section 474, Digest.

(For Constitutional References see MEMBERSHIP.)

CONSTITUTION.

CONSTITUTION.

When the **Constitution** of this Grand Lodge conflicts with the **Laws** of the Grand Lodge of the United States, the latter must be obeyed.

Page 540, 587, 589, 590, Journal.
Section 363, Digest.

Membership commences with the introduction to the Lodge, after the Candidate has signed the **Constitution** and By-Laws.

Page 865, 897, Journal.
Con. Subs., Art. 2, Cl. 5.
Section 1132, 1133, 1145, 1925, Digest.

Though the **Constitution** provides that Officers shall wear the Regalia of their respective Offices while in the Lodge, and that other Members shall wear the Regalia of the highest Degree they have attained, it would be unjust to refuse admission to a Brother who was unable at the time to procure Regalia in accordance with his rank and station.

Page 578, 588, 589, Journal

It is clearly a violation of the **Constitution** and of the Usages of the Order for any Lodge to initiate a Candidate resident within the jurisdiction of another Lodge, unless the consent of that Lodge has been first obtained.

Page 849, 850, 862, Journal.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

Con. G. L., Cl. 7, 25, 56, 75, 76, 82, 90, 93, 97.

Con. Sub., Preamble.

" Art. 2, Cl. 6.

" " 4, " 3.

" " 6, " 1.

" " 8, " 1, 5.

Con. D. L., Cl. 23, 24.

CREDENTIALS.

The Secretaries of Subordinate Lodges, are required to forward the **Credentials** of Representatives elect to the R. W. Grand Secretary, at least two weeks prior to the Annual Meeting of this Grand Lodge.

Page 800, Journal.

Elective Grand Officers, Grand Representatives included, are permitted to introduce Visitors without the usual **Credentials**.

Page 740, 789, 791, Journal.
Section 1280, 1292, Digest.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

(See **CERTIFICATES**.)

CONTEMPT.

(See **CHARGES, PENAL**.)

CHAPLAIN.

Con. G. L., Cl. 26, 35.
G. L. Order of Business, Cl. 6.
Con. Subs., Art. 3, Cl. 9.

CERTIFICATES.

CREDENTIALS.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

Con. G. L., Cl. 6, 7, 34, 41, 42, 69, 75, 91.
G. L., Order of Business, No. 8, 9, 10.
G. L., Rule of Order, No. 2, Cl. 3.
Con. Subs., Art. 2, Cl. 12, 14.
" " 8, " 2,
Con., D. L., Cl. 2, 18.
(Also see **CREDENTIALS**.)

42 CORRESPONDENCE—CELEBRATIONS, ETC.

CORRESPONDENCE.

All **Communications** and Returns from Subordinate Lodges or their Members intended for this Grand Lodge or its Officials during recess, should be addressed to the D. D. G. Master having jurisdiction therein, and whenever said D. D. G. M. is of opinion that said communication or report is incorrect or not in order, he shall have the power of referring said document back to the source whence it emanated for correction. All said documents, when correct and in order, to be forwarded by him to their proper destination.

Page 21, Journal, G. L., Ontario, 1858.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

Con. G. L., Cl. 32, 41, 51, 79.
G. L., Order of Business, No. 15.
G. L., Rule of Order, No. 2, Cl. 10.
Con. Subs., Rule of Order, No. 2, Cl. 11.
Con. D. L., Cl. 17.

CELEBRATIONS.

Con. G. L., Cl. 77.

CONDUCTOR.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

Con. Subs., Art. 3, Cl. 9, 10, 11.
" " 7, " 1, 2.
Con. D. L., Cl. 9, 16.

COMMITTEES.

After the reception of the Report of the **Committee** on character, it is not competent for the Noble Grand, with the concurrence of the Lodge, to postpone the Ballot, on account of a statement that the Candidate is suffering from congestion of the lungs.

Page 854, 896, 897, Journal.
Con. Subs., Art. 2, Cl. 4.

The proposer of a Candidate for Membership cannot withdraw a Proposition after the **Committee** have reported unfavorably.

Page 856, 873, Journal.
Section 918, Digest.

After the Report of a **Committee** on Character has been received, any Brother has the right and should have the opportunity to make remarks, either for or against the Candidate, before the Ballot is taken.

Page 1049, 1064, Journal.

No Vote of the Lodge is necessary to receive the Report of a **Committee** on Character before the Ballot is taken.

Page 951, 1004, 1012, Journal.

In the absence of definite instructions, a Subordinate Lodge is responsible for the debts of a **Committee** of its own appointment, incurred in getting up Pic-Nics, Excursions, &c.

Page 660, 668, Journal.

This decision seems to be qualified by

Section 106, (a,) Digest.

After a **Committee** has reported in favor of expulsion, the Lodge must act upon its report, and cannot ignore the **Committee** and its report by appointing a new **Committee** on the same case.

Page 538, 587, Journal.
Con. Subs., Art. 6, Cl. 8, 10, 11, 12.
Section 1847, Digest.

A **Committee** on Character should make no final report without having seen the candidate, and obtained from him the answers to the usual questions.

Page 855, 872, Journal.

Scarlet Degree Members are eligible to act on **Committees** to Try Past Grands.

Page 460, 507, 508, Journal.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

Con. G. L., Cl. 13, 14, 15, 16, 29, 32, 41 to 53, inclusive, 87, 93.

G. L. Order of Business, No. 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 19.

G. L. Rule of Order No. 2, Cl. 3, 6, 11, 12.

Con. Subs., Art. 2, Cl. 3.

" " " 4, " 5.

" " " 6, " 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14.

Sub. L. Rule of Order No. 2, Cl. 4, 6, 8, 9, 10.

DEGREES.

An Ancient Odd-Fellow is not required to pay fees for **degrees** in which he can prove himself.

Page 740, 789, 791, Journal.
Section 70, Digest.

The By-Laws of a Lodge are the only guide as to how long a time must elapse after rejection for **degrees**, before the application may be renewed.

Page 419, 425, 426, Journal.
Section 474, Digest.

The Noble Grand has the right to retain the Chair when **degrees** are to be conferred, notwithstanding his Lodge may have a regular Degree Master.

Page 856, 870, Journal.

The Ritual seems to imply this.

The Noble Grand should confer the **Rebecca Degree**.

Page 851, 904, Journal.

When a Subordinate Lodge confers its own **degrees**, it is not requisite that all brothers balloting for Degree Master should be in possession of the **Scarlet Degree**.

Page 769, 790, 791, Journal.

A brother, while receiving Sick Benefits, if legally elected and instructed in the **degrees** during that time, would be

entitled to the increased sick pay provided by the By-Laws for the **degrees** to which he had attained.

Page 991, 1001, Journal.

Degree Masters must be in possession of the **Three Past Official Degrees**.

Page 740, 789, 791, Journal.

Con. Subs., Art. 3, Cl. 2.

Con. D. L. Cl. 10.

Section 518, Digest.

The refunding of a portion of the Fees for Initiation and **degrees** is recommended in favor of the Charter Members of New Lodges after their organization.

Page 37, Journal, O., of 1859.

The work of Grand Lodge must be transacted only in the **Grand Lodge Degree**.

Page 661, 664, Journal.

Con. G. L., Cl. 60.

Section 791, 792, Digest.

A Candidate must have received the three **Past Official Degrees** before he can be nominated for the office of **degree Master**

Page 634, 668, Journal.

Con. D. L., Cl. 10.

Con. Subs. Art. 3, Cl. 2.

Section 518, Digest.

The **Past Official Degrees** are not a necessary qualification for D. D. G. Master, or for office in this Grand Lodge.

Page 799, 801, Journal

Section 1557, Digest.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

Con. G. L., Cl. 74.

" Subs., Art. 3, Cl. 2.

" D. L., Cl. 10, 11.

46 DEGREE LODGES—DEGREE MASTER.

DEGREE LODGES.

The Laws organizing **Degree Lodges**, adopted provisionally, in 1871, are still in force so far as they apply to Organization, except where they conflict with the Constitution adopted in 1873.

Page 991, 1002, Journal.
Con. D. L. Cl. 24.

Where no regularly chartered **Degree Lodge** exists, the Degree Master should be elected in the Subordinate Lodge, the same as other officers.

Page 419, 425, 426, Journal.

A Scarlet Degree member who has not passed the Noble Grand's Chair, is not eligible for the office of Deputy Degree Master, in a regularly constituted **Degree Lodge**.

Page 858, Journal.
Con. D. L., Cl. 11.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

POWERS, PRIVILEGES, RIGHTS, AND DUTIES.

Con. G. L., Cl. 94, 95, 96.

Con. D. L.

(SEE CONSTITUTION, &C., OF DEGREE LODGES.)

DEGREE MASTER.

It is not competent for a Subordinate Lodge to elect a **Degree Master** unless such an officer is provided for by the By-Laws.

Page 836, 870, Journal.

Where no regularly Chartered Degree Lodge exists, the **Degree Master** should be elected in the Subordinate Lodge, the same as other officers.

Page 419, 425, 426, Journal.

DEGREE MASTER-DEPUTY DEGREE MASTER. 47

Degree Masters must be in possession of the Three Past Official Degrees.

Page 740, 789, 791, Journal.

Con. D. L., Cl. 10.

Con. Subs., Art. 3, Cl. 2.

Section 518, Digest.

A Candidate must have received the Three Past Official Degrees before he can be nominated for the office of **Degree Master**.

Page 634, 668, Journal.

Con. D. L., Cl. 10.

Con. Subs., Art. 3, Cl. 2.

Section, 518, Digest.

The Noble Grand has the right to retain the Chair when Degrees are to be conferred, notwithstanding his Lodge may have a regular **Degree Master**.

Page 856, 870, Journal.

The Ritual also implies this.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

Con. Subs., Art. 3, Cl. 1, 2, 6.

" " " 4, " 6.

Con. D. L., Cl. 6, 9, 10, 14, 15.

DEPUTY DEGREE MASTERS.

A Scarlet Degree Member who has not passed the Noble Grand's Chair, is not eligible for the Office of **Deputy Degree Master** in a regularly constituted Degree Lodge.

Page 858, Journal.

Con. D. L., Cl. 11.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

Con. D. L., Cl. 6, 11 15.

48 DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

D. D. G. Masters are subject to the same Charges and Penalties for Insubordination as other members.

Page 768, 769, 790, 791, Journal.
Section 324, Digest.

A **D. D. G. Master** is empowered to issue a Dispensation for the purpose of electing a Scarlet Degree member to the office of Noble Grand, all regularly qualified brothers being absent.

Page 851, 871, Journal.
Section 1334, 1335, Digest.

When a **D. D. G. Master** persists in Installing an Officer, protested against on account of his being in Arrears for Dues, the proper method to deal with him would be to prefer Charges against him, and place him on Trial.

Page 854, 873, Journal.
Section 324, Digest.

The Past Official Degrees are not a necessary Qualification for Office in Grand Lodge, or for the Office of **District Deputy Grand Master**.

Page 799, 801, Journal.
Section 1557, Digest.

A Noble Grand has no right to Appeal to his Lodge to sustain his decision in opposition to that of the **D. D. G. Master**.

Page 856, 870, Journal.

A **District Deputy Grand Master** should not give his Decision until the question has been first submitted to the Noble Grand.

Page 855, 872, Journal.

It is not competent for a **D. D. G. Master** to declare an Installation void because it was performed by a Visiting Past Grand.

Page 539, 587, 589, 590, Journal.
Section 4, 937, 939, Digest.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER, ETC. 49

A **District Deputy Grand Master** has the right to give his Decision on questions regularly submitted to him, without having first submitted the matter or matters to the Grand Master.

Page 865, 895, Journal.

A **District Deputy Grand Master** cannot, by virtue of that Office, introduce Visitors without the usual formalities. Elective Grand Officers, Grand Representatives included, only can exercise that right.

Page 740, 789, 791, Journal.
Section 1292, 1280, Digest.

CORRESPONDENCE.

All Communications and Returns from Subordinate Lodges or their Members, intended for this Grand Lodge or its officials, during Recess, should be addressed to the **District Deputy Grand Master** having Jurisdiction therein; and whenever said D. D. G. M. is of the opinion that said Communication or Report is incorrect or not in order, he shall have the power of referring said document back to the source whence it emanated for correction. All said documents when correct and in order, to be forwarded by him to their proper destination.

Page 21, Journal, G. L. Ontario, for 1858.

A **District Deputy Grand Master** is not justified in refusing to Install a duly qualified and elected Brother.

Page 538, 586, Journal.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

Con. G. L., Cl. 27, 29, 39, 69, 95.
Con. D. L., Cl. 2, 4.

DISPENSATIONS.

An Officer instituting a Degree Lodge, would be justified in erasing the name of a proposed Charter Member from the **dispensation**, if such member was Absent at the Institution.

Page 874, 898, Journal.

A Grand Master is not obliged to issue **dispensations** for New Lodges.

Page 828, 904, Journal.

This Grand Lodge approved the action of the Grand Master in granting a **dispensation** to another Grand Jurisdiction or Subordinate Lodge therein, to initiate persons residing in Ontario, but at a distance from any Lodge in this Jurisdiction.

Page 793, Journal.

A District Deputy Grand Master is empowered to issue a **dispensation** for the purpose of electing a Scarlet Degree member to the office of Noble Grand, all regularly qualified Brothers being absent.

Page 851, 871, Journal.
Section 1334, 1335, Digest.

A Grand Master is justified in using his own discretion as to granting or refusing a **dispensation** for a new Lodge during recess.

Page 828, 904, 916, Journal.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

Con. G. L., Cl. 39, 71, 77, 81.

Con. Subs., Art. 8, Cl. 3, 4.

Con. D. L., Cl. 3, 4.

DECISIONS.

A Noble Grand has the right to reverse his **decision**.

Page 858, 903, Journal.

All questions submitted to the Grand Master should be in writing, and his **decisions** thereon should also be in writing.

Page 672, 681, 682, Journal.

A Noble Grand has no right to appeal to his Lodge to sustain his **decision** in opposition to that of the D. D. G. Master.

Page 856, 870, Journal.

A District Deputy Grand Master should not give his **decision** until the question has been first submitted to the Noble Grand.

Page 855, 872, Journal.

A District Deputy Grand Master has the right to give his **decision** on questions regularly submitted to him, without having first submitted the matter or matters to the Grand Master.

Page 865, 895, Journal.

A Lodge having, by regular Ballot, granted a Final Card, and the Noble Grand (through misunderstanding of the Law) having declared the Card refused, the **decision** of the Noble Grand would not be binding on the Lodge, and the applicant should receive his Card.

Page 901, Journal.

A Grand Master is not guilty of dereliction of duty in not requiring a Subordinate Lodge to carry out a particular **decision** of this Grand Lodge, when upon the same subject and published in the same Journal, he finds an opposite **decision**, neither **decision** having been repealed.

Page 633, 668, 672, 681, 682—739, 775, 776, 779, Journal.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

- Con. G. L., Cl. 4, 29, 49, 61, 76, 92.
- G. L. Rule of Order, 9, 17, 18, 19.
- Con. Subs., Art. 4, Cl. 1.
- " " " 6, Cl. 9, 12, 13, 14.
- Sub. L. Rule of Order, 10, 11, 14, 15.
- Con. D. L., Cl. 24.

DUES AND FEES.

Enacting that **Dues** shall be paid *semi-annually*, "in advance," is not advisable and is not approved.

Page 1045, 1050, 1054, Journal

Suspension from Membership does not work suspension of Arrears or **Dues**.

Page 672, 766, 779, Journal.
Section 112, 562, 1678, Digest.

A Subordinate Lodge cannot dispense with **Fees and Dues**.

Page 365, 376, Journal.
Con. Subs., Art. 5, Cl. 2, 3, 4, 5.
Section 575, Digest.

A Brother may cease Membership for non-payment of **Dues** if the By-Laws so provide.

Page 991, 1002, Journal.
Section 650, Digest.

The question regarding the payment of **Dues** in advance upon the night of initiation, depends upon the By-Laws of the Lodge the person is joining.

Page 992, 1002, Journal.

When the By-Laws of a Lodge enact that the **Dues** shall be payable quarterly in advance, a Brother would be thirteen weeks in arrears, who did not, on the first meeting night in the quarter, pay his quarterly **Dues** in advance.

Page 992, 1002, 1003, Journal.

The term "Good Standing," as applied to Odd-Fellows, does not include members in arrears for **Dues**.

Page 21, Journal, G. L. O. for 1858.

This Grand Lodge approves a By-Law, providing that any Suspended Member (who by ballot may be deemed worthy) may be re-instated in his Lodge, by paying his **dues** as they accrue from the date of re-instatement, and should he at any time become entitled to benefits, said benefits shall first be applied to balance the arrears charged against him, prior to his re-instatement unless previously paid.

Page 266, Journal.
Section 112, Digest.

A Brother more than twelve months in arrears, cannot claim re-instatement upon payment of one year's **dues**, but the Lodge may commute with him.

Page 418, 425, 426, Journal.

Members of Defunct Lodges may be re-instated in the Order in this Jurisdiction as Ancient Odd-Fellows, upon such **terms** as Subordinate Lodges may prescribe, on producing proper evidence of previous Good Standing.

Page 237, Journal.

Con. Subs., Art. 6, Cl. 6.

Section 70, 418, 1169, Digest.

An Ancient Odd-Fellow on re-instatement, is not required to pay **Fees** for Degrees in which he can prove himself.

Page 740, 789, 791, Journal.

Section 70, Digest.

When the By-Laws of a Lodge require the **Dues** payable Quarterly in advance, a Brother who had not so paid would be in arrears, and would not be entitled to the term P. W.

Page 854, 855, 871, Journal.

The refunding a portion of the **Fees** for Initiations and Degrees is recommended in favor of the Charter Members of new Lodges after their organization.

Page 37, Journal Ontario of 1859.

* Charter Members of new Lodges should pay the regular **Fees** for deposit of Card, according to the By-Laws of the Lodge.

Page 769, 790, 791, 661, 668, Journal.

A Member debarred from benefits by non-payment of **dues**, cannot by payment become entitled to benefits for a sickness commencing while he was so disqualified.

Page 633, 668, Journal O.

Page 14, Section 5, Old Digest, G. L., U. S.

Section 169, 170, New Digest, G. L., U. S.

54 DUES AND FINES—DONATIONS, ETC.

A Member cannot by payment of **dues** while sick, become entitled to benefits during that sickness.

Page 765, 783, 784, Journal.
Section 169, 170, Digest.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

Con. G. L., Cl. 4, 39, 62, 64, 70, 82, 84, 85, 86.

Con. Subs., Art. 2, Cl. 6, 10, 12, 15.

" " 5, " 2, 3, 4, 5.

" " 6, " 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.

Con. D. L., Cl. 2, 18, 19, 20.

DONATIONS.

Donations do not constitute any part of the regular Funds of a Lodge, and consequently, are not subject to per centage to Grand Lodge.

Page 578, 588, 589, 590, 591, Journal.

DOCTOR.

PHYSICIAN.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

Con. Subs., Art. 3, Cl. 1, 2, 6.

" " 4, Cl. 6.

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

Con. G. L., Cl. 18, 29, 30, 31, 33, 40, 67, 77.

DIVISION OF FUNDS.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

Con. G. L., Cl. 94, 95, 97.

DISTRICTS.

Con. G. L., Cl. 27, 39, 69, 80, 95.
Con. D. L., Cl. 1.

DISBURSEMENTS.

Con. G. L., Cl. 29, 32, 33, 50, 55, 64, 96, 97.
Con. Subs., Art. 4, Cl. 9, 10, 11.
" " 5, " 1, 6 to 10 inclusive.
Con. D. L., Cl. 19, 20, 21, 22,

(See also APPROPRIATIONS.)

DEBATE.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

See Con. G. L., Cl. 8.
" G. L., Rules of Order governing Debate in Grand
" Con. Subs., Art. 6, Cl. 14. [Lodge.
" Sub. L., Rules of Order governing Debate in Sub-
" Particularly Privileged Questions. [Lodge.

DEFUNCT LODGES.

EXTINCT LODGES.

A Member of an **Extinct Lodge** who did not regularly withdraw, can only be admitted to Membership upon a Card from the Grand Lodge, from which the **Defunct Subordinate** held its Charter.

Page 365, 376, Journal.
Section 418, 1169, Digest.

Members of **Defunct Lodges** may be re-instated in subordinate Lodges in this Jurisdiction as Ancient Odd Fellows, (on producing proper evidence of previous Good Standing) upon such terms as subordinate Lodges may prescribe.

Page 237, Journal.
Con. Subs., Art. 6, Cl 6.
Section 70, Digest.

A person claiming to have been a Member of a **Defunct Lodge**, the Records of which have been destroyed, and who cannot procure a Card therefrom, can only be Re-instated in the Order, by Application, Ballot and Fee as in case of an Initiate, or by presenting a Card from the Grand Jurisdiction to which he formerly belonged.

Page 740, 789, 791, Journal.
Con. Subs., Art. 6, Cl. 6.
Sec. 68, 1181, Digest.

Clause 96. Con. G. L., defines the provision made for the disposition of the effects of subordinate Lodges, (which have been surrendered to this Grand Lodge) in favor of the Widows and Orphans of **such Lodges**.

Page 863, 903, Journal.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

Con. G. L., Cl. 84, 94 to 97 inclusive.
Con. Subs., Art. 6, Cl. 6.
Con. D. L., Cl. 22.

ELECTIONS.

Where regularly chartered Degree Lodges exist, the Degree Master should be **Elected** in the subordinate Lodge the same as other Officers.

Page 419, 425, 426, Journal.

In an **Election** for Representative, the Candidate receiving a majority vote over all others in nomination would be **Elected**, and in case more than one Representative is to be

chosen, all others in previous nomination will be again in nomination for the next choice.

Page 991, 1010, Journal.
Con. Subs., Art. 3, Cl. 7, 8.

The proper mode of **Electing** Representatives is defined by the Constitutions of this Grand Lodge and its Subordinates.

Page 855, 871, Journal.
Con. Subs., Art. 3, Cl. 7, 8.
Con. G. L., Cl. 9, 10, 11.

In case of a tie between two or more of the lowest in an **Election**, (three or more being in nomination) a Ballot should be immediately taken to determine which of those tying should be dropped on proceeding to a new regular Ballot, but in no case should the Noble Grand give a Casting Vote or Ballot in an **Election**.

Page 767, 789, 791, Journal.

Nominations for Representatives to this Grand Lodge must be made before proceeding to **Election**.

Page 660, 668, Journal.

A **Lodge** violates no law of the Order in electing as a Representative a Past Grand who is absent at the time of election, even though he has sent no excuse for absence, or expressed his willingness to accept the position.

Page 766, 780, Journal.

In an **Election** for Representatives to this Grand Lodge, only one name shall be written upon any ticket, and a majority of the Ballots cast shall be necessary to a choice. Should there be no choice in any ballot, the name of the Candidate receiving the smallest number of Ballots shall be dropped on proceeding to each succeeding Ballot.

Page 577, 595, 740, 789, 791, Journal.
Con. Subs., Art. 3, Cl. 7, 8.
Con. G. L., Cl. 10.

A Vice Grand **Elected** and Installed while in Arrears would not thereby forfeit his Office.

Page 911, 916, Journal.

In the case of a New Lodge, or in case all regularly qualified members decline, a Brother who has filled an Appointed Office for two months, would be eligible for an **Elective** Office.

Page 540, 589, 591, Journal.

In case of a vacancy in any Elective Office from any cause, the Nomination, **Election** and Installation must be held in accordance with the Constitutional provisions for regular **Elections**, except that the Installation may be performed upon the night of **Election**.

Page 855, 871, Journal.

A Junior Past Grand is eligible for **Election** as Representative, though the Returns to Grand Lodge may not have been made up.

Page 856, 870, Journal.
Section 1385, Digest.

It is not competent for a Subordinate Lodge to **Elect** a Degree Master, unless such an Officer is provided for by the By-Laws.

Page 856, 870, Journal.

A District Deputy Grand Master is empowered to issue a Dispensation for the purpose of **Electing** a Scarlet Degree member to the Office of Noble Grand, all regularly qualified Brothers being absent.

Page 851, 871, Journal.
Section 1334, 1335, Digest.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

Con. G. L., Cl. 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 28, 29, 34,

G. L. Order of Business, No. 17.

Con. Subs., Art. 2, Cl. 4, 5, 7, 11.

" " 3, " 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 14.

" " 4, " 8.

" " 6, * 6, 8.

Sub. L. Rule of Order No. 2, Cl. 5.

Con. D. L., Cl. 6, 8.

EXPULSION—EMBLEMS—EFFECTS.

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EXPULSION.

Expulsion for non-payment of Dues is not approved, and the term "Ceased to be a member" or "Ceased membership" is adopted instead of the word "Expelled"

Page 212, 230, Journal.
Section 570, 650, Digest.

After a Committee has reported in favor of **Expulsion**, the Lodge must act on the Report of the Committee as made, and cannot ignore the Committee and its Report by appointing a new Committee in the same case.

Page 538, 587 Journal.
Section 1847, Digest.

A person gaining admission to the Order under an assumed name would be liable to Trial and Expulsion.

Page 993, 1003, Journal.
Section 924, Digest.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

Con. G. L., Cl. 15, 16, 17, 94, 95.
Con. Subs., Art. 6, Cl. 1, 2, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12.
Con. D. L., Cl. 12, 13.

EMBLEMS.

The **Emblems** of the Order must not be used for Business purposes.

Page 634, 668, Journal.
Section 588, 588 (a) Digest.

EFFECTS.

PROPERTY.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

Con. G. L., Cl. 83, 84, 94, 95, 96, 97.
Con. Subs., Art. 4, Cl. 11.
Con. D. L., Cl. 22

FUNDS.

The investment of Lodge **Funds** in private hands is disapproved.

Page 37, Journal G. L., O. for 1859.

The Secretaries of Subordinate Lodges, are required to send to the Grand Master a duplicate of all letters sent to the Grand Secretary, enclosing **Funds**, Money Orders or Drafts for the Grand Lodge.

Page 233, Journal.

Donations do not constitute any part of the regular **Funds** of a Lodge, and consequently, are not subject to per centage to Grand Lodge.

Page 578, 588, 589, 591, Journal.

Intimately connected and synonymous in many respects are the subjects of **Revenue, Appropriations, Disbursements and Finance.**

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

Con. G. L., Cl. 83, 84, 86, 94, 95, 96, 97.

Con. Subs., Art. 4, Cl. 11.

" " 5, Cl. 1 to 10 inclusive.

Con. D. L., Cl. 17, 22.

FINES.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

Con. Subs., Art. 4, Cl. 10.

" " 5, " 5.

" " 6, " 1, 12.

FORFEITURES.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

Con. G. L., Cl. 24, 82, 83, 84, 94, 95, 96.

Con. Subs., Art. 2, Cl. 7.

" " 3, " 5, 13.

" " 4, " 11.

Con. D. L., Cl. 22.

FEEs.

See DUES AND FEEs.

FIRST ASSISTANT DEPUTY DEGREE MASTER.
Con. D. L., Cl. 6, 16.

FINANCE.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

Con. G. L., Cl. 32, 41, 44, 81.
G. L. Rules of Order, No. 2, Cl. 11.
See also Funds, Revenue, Disbursements and Appropriations.

GOOD STANDING.

The term "**Good Standing**" as applied to Odd-Fellows, does not include members in Arrears for Dues.

Page 21, Journal G. L. O. for 1858.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

Con. G. L., Cl. 8, 9, 86, 95.
" Subs., Art. 2, Cl. 14.
" " " 3, " 11.
" " " 6, " 7.
" D. L., Cl. 2, 4, 5, 10, 11, 13.

GRAND LODGE UNITED STATES.

When the Constitution of this Grand Lodge conflicts with the Grand Lodge of the **United States** Laws, the latter must be obeyed.

Page 540, 587, 589, 590, Journal.
Section 363, Digest.

A Widow in receipt of Benefits, would not forfeit the same by removal from the jurisdiction of the G. L. **United States**.

Page 686, 687, Journal.
Section 187, Digest.

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CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

Con. G. L., Cl. 5, 25, 29, 32, 34, 63, 64, 73, 75, 90, 91, 92.
" Subs., Art. 4, Cl. 1.

GRAND LODGE ONTARIO.

All questions for decision by this **Grand Lodge**, in order to ensure consideration, must be submitted before the close of the first day of the Annual Session.

Page 905, Journal.

The work of the **Grand Lodge** is transacted in the Grand Lodge Degree only.

Page 373, 661, 664, Journal.

Con. G. L., Cl. 60.

Section 791, 792, Digest.

This **Grand Lodge** does not deem it advisable to enter into the settlement of differences in business between Members of the Order, or between Subordinate Lodges and other parties.

Page 660, 661, 668, Journal.

This **Grand Lodge** will not make Appropriations for incidental or other expenses, when it is inconsistent to have the object of the same made known to this Grand Lodge.

Page 691, Journal.

When the Constitution of this **Grand Lodge** conflicts with the Laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States, the latter must be obeyed.

Page 540, 587, 589, 590, Journal.

Section 363, Digest.

The Past Official Degrees are not a necessary qualification for D. D. G. Master or for Office in this **Grand Lodge**.

Page 799, 801, Journal.

Section 1557, Digest.

Donations do not constitute any portion of the regular Funds of a Lodge, and consequently, are not subject to percentage to this **Grand Lodge**.

Page 578, 588, 589, 591, Journal.

GRAND LODGE ONTARIO—GRAND MASTER. 63

It is ordered that the Journal of this **Grand Lodge** shall be printed in same size and form as the first edition of the Constitution, and the whole to be paged from the beginning.

Page 219, 229, Journal.

A Representative cannot represent more than one Subordinate Lodge at the same Session of this **Grand Lodge**.

Page 671, Journal.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

AS TO

TITLES, POWERS, PRIVILEGES, RIGHTS AND DUTIES.

Con. G. L., Preamble.

Con. G. L., Cl. 1, 2, 3, 4, 15, 24, 26, 27, 29, 32, 33, 41, 47, 52, 54,
" " " 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 63, 75, 76, 80, 81, 82, 84, 85,
" " " 86, 90, 91, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97.

G. L., Rule of Order No. 22, 23.

Con. Subs., Preamble.

" " Art. 3, Cl. 15.

" " " 4, " 8 to 11 inclusive.

" " " 6, " 15.

" " " 8, " 1 to 5 inclusive.

Sub. L., Rule of Order No. 21.

Con. D. L., Cl. 20, 21, 22, 23.

GRAND MASTER.

A **Grand Master** is not guilty of dereliction of duty, in not requiring a Subordinate Lodge to carry out a particular decision of this **Grand Lodge**, when upon the same subject and published in the same Journal, he finds an opposite decision, neither decision having been repealed.

Page 633, 668, 672, 681, 682, 739, 775, 776, 779, Journal.

A **Grand Master** is justified in using his own discretion, as to granting or refusing Dispensations for New Lodges during the recess of this **Grand Lodge**.

Page 828, 904, 916, Journal.

A **Grand Master** may grant a Dispensation to enable persons

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in this Jurisdiction to be Initiated in other Jurisdictions, when residing at a distance from any Lodge in Ontario.

Page 793, Journal.

The Decisions of a **Grand Master** should be in writing, and in answer to written questions.

Page 642, 681, 682, Journal.

A District Deputy **Grand Master** has the right to give his decision on questions regularly submitted to him, without having first submitted the matter or matters to the **Grand Master**.

Page 865, 895, Journal.

(For other Decisions relevant to **G. M.** see **Grand Officers**.)

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

Con. G. L., Cl. 18, 23, 26, 27, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 36,*39, 40, 49, 52, 55, 67, 71, 72, 75, 77, 81, 82, 84, 88, 89, 91, 95.

G. L., Order of Business No. 4, 9.

" Rule of Order No. 2.

Con. Subs., Art. 4, Cl. 11.

" " 8, " 3.

Con. D. L., Cl. 3, 4, 22.

GRAND OFFICERS.

A **Grand Officer** having announced himself in his official capacity and having been received with "The Honors," it would not be consistent for him upon that occasion to claim that he was not visiting in his official capacity.

Page 768, 789, 791, Journal.

Elective Grand Officers including Grand Representatives only, are permitted to introduce Visitors without the usual credentials.

Page 740, 789, 791, Journal.

Section 1280, 1292, Digest.

An Appointed Officer in this Grand Lodge is entitled to the same Mileage and Per Diem as other **Grand Officers**.

Page 434, 511, Journal.

GRAND SECRETARY—GRAND WARDEN, ETC. 65

The Past Official Degrees are not a necessary qualification for **Grand Officers** in this Grand Lodge or for District Deputy Grand Master.

Page 799, 801, Journal.
Section 1557, Digest.

GRAND SECRETARY.

See GRAND OFFICERS.

All Supplies for Subordinate Lodges must be sent from the **Grand Secretary's Office** by Express, Registered Letter or Registered Parcel Post.

Page 782, Journal.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

Con. G. L., Cl. 18, 28, 32, 33, 39, 40, 42, 47, 81, 84, 87, 88, 91, 93

G. L., Order of Business No. 8.

" Rule of Order No. 2, Cl. 5.

Con. Subs, Art. 4, Cl. 8.

" " 6, " 5.

" " 8 " 2.

GRAND WARDEN.

See GRAND OFFICERS.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

Con. G. L., Cl. 18, 28, 31, 33, 40, 67.

G. L., Rule of Order No. 2.

GRAND TREASURER.

See GRAND OFFICERS.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

Con. G. L., Cl. 18, 28, 29, 32, 33, 40, 88, 89.

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GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

See GRAND OFFICERS.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

Con. G. L., Cl. 18, 21, 22, 25, 28, 34, 40, 68.

GRAND MARSHAL.

See GRAND OFFICERS.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

Con. G. L., Cl. 26, 36, 37, 67.

G. L., Order of Business No. 5, 7.

GRAND CONDUCTOR.

See GRAND OFFICERS.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

Con. G. L., Cl. 26, 37, 67.

G. L., Order of Business No. 5.

GRAND GUARDIAN.

See GRAND OFFICERS.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

Con. G. L., Cl. 26, 37, 38, 67.

G. L., Rule of Order No. 2.

GRAND CHAPLAIN.

See GRAND OFFICERS.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

Con. G. L., Cl. 26, 35.

G. L., Order of Business No 6.

GUARDIANS—HONORARY MEMBERSHIP, ETC. 67

GUARDIANS.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

Con. Subs., Art. 3, Cl. 9, 10, 11, 12.
" " " 7, Cl. 1, 2.
Con. D. L., Cl. 9, 16.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP.

Honorary Membership is not recognized in this Order.

Page 419, 425, 426, Journal.
Section 906, Digest.
Con. G. L., Cl. 78.

A Brother over 50 years of age in possession of a Card cannot be admitted to **Honorary Membership**, but Subordinate Lodges may provide by By-Law for the admission of members over 50, holding Cards.

Page 740, 789, 791, Journal.
Con. G. L., Cl. 78.
Section 906, 1203, Digest.

HONORS OF OFFICE.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

Con. G. L., Cl. 30, 74.
Con. Subs., Art. 3, Cl. 14.

INSTITUTION.

At the **Institution** of a Degree Lodge, the instituting Officer would be justified in removing from the Dispensation the name of a proposed Charter Member who was not present.

Page 874, 898, Journal.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

Con. G. L., Cl. 2, 29, 69 to 74 inclusive, 97.

Con. Subs., Art. 1.

Con. D. L., Cl. 1 to 6 inclusive.

INITIATION.

In the case of a Brother without a Card who proves to be in possession of the secrets of the Order, the ceremony of **Initiation** may be dispensed with, but his case should be submitted to Committee and Ballot, the same as though never admitted, he paying Fees in accordance with age and the By-Laws of the Lodge, the same as a new applicant.

Page 683, Journal.

Con. Subs., Art. 6, Cl. 6.

Section 70, Digest.

Balloting for **Initiates** without Ball Ballots is illegal and void, and a new Ballot with Ball Ballots on the same case would be legal and in order.

Page 248, 260, Journal, O.

Page 5847, 5935, Journal G. L., U. S.

The Noble Grand has discretionary power, and is not compelled to prevent members from retiring from the Lodge at any time, except during **Initiations**.

Page 577, 588, 589, 591, Journal.

The Term P. W. should be communicated to an **Initiate** before retiring.

Page 460, 507, 508, Journal.

A Subordinate Lodge may, if it choose, **Initiate** a person who can neither read or write.

Page 634, 668, 855, 870, Journal.

It is clearly a violation of the Constitution and of the Usages of the Order, for any Lodge to **Initiate** Candidates

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resident within the Jurisdiction of another Lodge, unless the consent of that Lodge has been obtained first.

Page 849, 850, 862, Journal.

The refunding of a portion of the Fees for **Initiation** and Degrees, is recommended in favor of the Charter Members of new Lodges after their organization.

Page 37, Journal, O., for 1859.

The question regarding the payment of Dues in advance upon the night of **Initiation**, depends upon the By-Laws of the Lodge the person is joining.

Page 992, 1002, Journal.

A Grand Master may grant a Dispensation to enable persons in this Jurisdiction to be **Initiated** in other Jurisdictions, when residing at a distance from any Lodge in Ontario.

Page 793, Journal

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

Con. Subs., Art. 2, Cl. 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9.

" " " 5, Cl. 2.

Sub. L. Rule of Order, No. 2, Cl. 7.

INSTALLATION.

A Brother cannot be **Installed** into two Offices.

Page 851, 870, Journal.

A Vice Grand does not forfeit his Office because he was Elected and **Installed** while in Arrears.

Page 875, 898, Journal.

A District D. G. Master has no right to declare an **Installation** illegal because it was performed by a Visiting Past Grand.

Page 539, 587, 589, 590, Journal.
Section 937, 939, Digest.

It is imperative upon the Officers of Subordinate Lodges to commit to memory the Charges appertaining to their several Offices as soon as practicable after their **Installation**.

Page 496, Journal.
Section 1938, Digest.

See LECTURES.

There are no other rules than those laid down in the Working Books for **Installation**.

Page 539, 587, 589, 590, Journal.

A District D. G. Master is not justified in refusing to **Install** a duly qualified and Elected Brother.

Page 538, 586, Journal.

In the absence of a Grand Officer or a Past Grand of his Lodge, it is competent for a Noble Grand to call upon a Visiting Past Grand to **Install**.

Page 539, 587, 589, 590, Journal.
Section 937, 939, Digest.

When a District D. G. Master persists in **Installing** an Officer protested against, on account of his being in Arrears for Dues, the proper method to deal with the **Installing** Officer would be to prefer charges against him and place him on Trial.

Page 854, 873, Journal.

In case of a vacancy in any Elective Office from any cause, the Nomination, Election and **Installation**, must be had in accordance with the Constitutional provisions for regular Elections, except that the **Installation** may be performed upon the night of Election.

Page 855, 871, Journal.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

Con G. L., Cl. 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 29, 39, 56, 83, 95.
G. L. Order of Business, No. 20
Con. Subs., Art. 3, Cl. 10.
Con. D. L., Cl. 4, 8, 9, 16, 22.

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INSUBORDINATION.

The proper method of dealing with members for **Insubordination**, is to prefer Charges against them and place them on Trial.

Page 768, 769, 789, 791, Journal.

D. D. G. Masters are subject to the same Charges and Penalties for Insubordination as other members.

Page 768, 790, 791, Journal.
Section 324, Digest.

INSANITY.

A Brother in Good Standing while **Insane**, would be entitled to regular weekly sick Benefits, notwithstanding he was otherwise provided for.

Page 577, 588, 589, 591, Journal.
Section 177, Digest.

JURISDICTION.

A Brother joining by Card must be in possession of the A. T. P. W., no matter from what **Jurisdiction** he obtained his Card.

Page 856, 870, Journal.
Section 266, Digest.

A Grand Master may grant a Dispensation to enable persons resident in this **Jurisdiction** to be Initiated in other Grand **Jurisdictions**, when residing at a distance from any Lodge in Ontario.

Page 793, Journal.

No matter how well versed in the Order or how far advanced, members cannot Visit in other **Jurisdictions** or Lodges, without the usual Credentials, unless introduced by a Grand Representative or other Elective Grand Officer of the **Jurisdiction** in which they desire to Visit.

Page 278, 294, 295, Journal.
Section 1280, 1292, Digest.

Subordinate Lodges have no right to admit parties to Membership who reside in other **Jurisdictions**, or nearer to another Lodge, without first obtaining the consent of the Lodge nearest to which the parties reside.

Page 849, 850, 862, Journal.

A Grand Master may grant a Dispensation to enable persons in this **Jurisdiction** to be Initiated in other **Jurisdictions**, when residing at a distance from any Lodge in Ontario.

Page 793, Journal.

A Widow in receipt of Benefits, would not forfeit the same by removal from the **Jurisdiction** of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Page 686, 687, Journal.
Section 187, Digest.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

- Con. G. L., Cl. 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 27, 29, 34, 55, 56, 59, 63.
" " 69, 76, 77, 81, 86.
Con. Subs., Preamble.
" Art. 2, Cl. 1.
Con. D. L., Cl. 1, 5, 11.

JEWELS.

- Con. G. L., Cl. 67, 68.
Con. Subs., Art. 7, Cl. 2, 3, 5.

JOURNAL.

It is ordered that the **Journal** of this Grand Lodge shall hereafter be printed the same size and form as the first edition of the Constitution, and the whole to be paged from the beginning.

Page 219, 229, Journal.

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LODGE HALLS.

Subordinate Lodges may sublet their **Lodge Rooms**.

Page 792, Journal

LEGISLATION.

Con. G. L., Cl. 5, 41, 48.

LAWS OF SUBORDINATES.

It is imperative upon the Officers of Subordinate Lodges to commit to memory the **Charges** appertaining to their several Offices as soon as practicable after their Installation.

Page 496, Journal.
Section 1938, Digest.

See LECTURES.

Con. G. L., Cl. 41, 46.
G. L. Rule of Order No. 2, Cl. 11.

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Con. G. L., Cl. 73.

MANCHESTER UNITY.

Members of the **Manchester Unity** may be admitted to this Order by Initiation.

Page 301, 500, Journal.
Section 1089, Digest.

Members of the Independent Order cannot unite with the **Manchester Unity**.

Page 248, 260, 261, Journal.
Section 1090, Digest.

MEMBERSHIP.

The mere declaration of the Noble Grand does not constitute a person a **Member** of a Lodge.

Page 858, 903, Journal.

Membership commences with the introduction to the Lodge after the Candidate has signed the Constitution and By-Laws.

Page 865, 897, Journal.

Con. Subs., Art. 2, Cl. 6.

Section 1132, 1133, 1145, 1925, Digest.

Suspension from **Membership** does not work Suspension from Arrears and Dues.

Page 766 779, Journal.

Section 112, 564, 1678, Digest.

A Brother having ceased **Membership** by non-payment of Dues, cannot Re-instate himself by merely paying his Arrears to the Secretary. His Arrears having been so paid and received by the Secretary, would not give him or his Widow any claim to Benefits in case of sickness or death.

Page 633, 668, 672, 681, 682, 793, Journal.

A Member of an Extinct Lodge who did not regularly withdraw, can only be admitted to **Membership** upon a Card from the Grand Lodge from which the Defunct Subordinate held its Charter.

Page 365, 376, Journal.

Section 418, 1169, Digest.

A Brother may cease **Membership** by non-payment of Dues if the By-Laws so provide.

Page 991, 1002, Journal.

Section 650, Digest.

Expulsion for non-payment of Dues is not approved, and the term "Ceased to be a Member" or "Ceased **Membership**" is adopted instead of the word "Expelled."

Page 212, 230, Journal.

Section 570, 650, Digest.

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Honorary **Membership** is not recognized in this Order.

Page 419, 425, 426, Journal.
Con. G. L., Cl. 78.
Section 906, Digest.

No Vote of the Lodge is necessary to receive a Proposition for **Membership**.

Page 951, 1004, 1012, Journal.

The Proposer of a Candidate for **Membership**, cannot withdraw a Proposition after the Committee have reported unfavorably.

Page 856, 873, Journal.
Section 918, Digest.

A Brother over the age of 50 holding a Card cannot be admitted to **Honorary Membership**, but Lodges may provide by By-Law for the admission of such Brother.

Page 740, 789, 791, Journal.
Con. G. L., Cl. 78.
Section 906, 1203, Digest.

Subordinate Lodges have no right to admit parties to **Membership** who reside in other Jurisdictions or nearer to another Lodge, without first obtaining the consent of the Lodge nearest to which the parties reside.

Page 849, 850, 862, Journal.

An Applicant for Membership by a Card in force must also be in possession of the A. T. P. & W.

Page 634, 668, Journal.
Section 266, Digest.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

Con. G. L., Cl. 5, 6, 7, 8, 29, 42, 47, 78, 84, 95, 97.
Con. Subs., Art. 1.

" " 2, Cl. 1 to 9 inclusive.

" " 6, " 5, 6.

Sub. L., Rules of Order, No. 2, Cl. 7, 8.

Con. D. L., Cl. 5, 13.

NOTE.—Decisions bearing upon the subject of Membership will be found under the heads of Application, Propositions, Admission, Manchester Unity and Reinstatement; in short, the term **Membership** is so broad in its significance, that in order to a full understanding of the subject, the inquirer must familiarize himself with the whole history and legislation of the Order.

MINUTES.

When the **Minutes** of a Lodge are properly recorded, it is not competent for the Noble Grand to declare them incorrect, because he deems the action of the Lodge illegal. **131**

Page 660, 668, Journal.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

- Con. G. L., Cl. 29, 32, 34, 47, 61, 95.
 G. L., Order of Business, No. 12.
 " Rules of Order, No. 1.
 " " " 2, Cl. 5.
 " " " 12.
 Con. Subs., Art. 4, Cl. 11.
 Subs., L., Rule of Order, No. 2, Cl. 3.
 " " " 9.
 Con. D. L., Cl. 17 22.

MOTIONS.

Whether a Vote of the Lodge is necessary or not in granting regular Benefits, (when no objection is made) depends upon the By-Laws of a Lodge.

Page 418, 425, 426, Journal.

A Motion having been made and seconded, any **Motion** that does not actually amend the same would be out of order, except it be a Privileged Question as provided for in the Rules of Order.

Page 851, 904, Journal.

Sub. L., Rule of Order, No. 4.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

- Con. G. L., Cl. 8, 61.
 See also G. L. Rules of Order governing Debate and disposal of **Motions** in Grand Lodge.
 Con. Subs., Art. 3, Cl. 13.
 " " 6, " 10, 11, 12.
 See also Sub. L. Rules of Order governing Debate and disposal of **Motions** in Sub. Lodge.

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MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

The Appointed Officers in this Grand Lodge are entitled to the same **Mileage** and **Per Diem** as other Grand Officers.

Page 434, 511, Journal.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

Con. G. L., Cl. 41, 50.

MEETINGS.

Subordinate Lodges may hold their **Meetings** Semi-Monthly, provided 26 nights service is required as the Term of Office.

Page 18, Journal, G. L., O., of 1861.

Con. Subs., Art. 4, Cl. 1.

Section 843, 844, Digest.

The Secretaries of Subordinate Lodges, are required to forward the Credentials of Representatives elect, to the R. W. Grand Secretary, at least two weeks prior to the **Annual Meeting** of this Grand Lodge.

Page 800, Journal.

A Lodge cannot declare the office of Secretary vacant on account of absence for two nights, and elect another to fill the vacancy, without the written Resignation of the Brother who filled the Office. The Secretary must have been absent three successive **Meetings**, and even then Notice must have been given for one week before a Vote of the Lodge would be in order declaring the Office vacant.

Page 539, 587, 589, 590, Journal.

Con. Subs., Art. 3, Cl. 13.

Section 1346, Digest.

MEETINGS—NOMINATION.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

Con. G. L., Cl. 9, 15, 19, 32, 33, 34, 39, 40, 54, 55, 56, 57,
[58, 59, 63, 93.]

G. L. Rule of Order No. 22.

G. L. Order of Business No. 9.

Con. Subs., Art. 2, Cl. 3.

" " 3, " 4, 6, 13.

" " 4, " 1, 2, 3, 6.

" " 6, " 3, 11, 12, 13.

Sub. Lodge Rules of Order No. 10, 11, 20.

Con. D. L., Cl. 7, 8, 14, 17, 19, 22.

NOMINATION.

A member who has signified his willingness to accept office, may, though absent, be placed in **Nomination**.

Page 540, 587, 589, 590, Journal.

Con. Subs., Art. 3, Cl. 5.

Nominations for Representatives to the Grand Lodge must be made before proceeding to election for the same.

Page 660, 668, Journal.

When only one Candidate is in **Nomination** for any office, a ballot is unnecessary.

Page 865, 900, Journal.

Con. Subs., Art. 3, Cl. 7.

In an election for Representative, the Candidate receiving a majority vote over all others in **Nomination** would be elected, and in case more than one Representative is to be elected, all others in previous **Nomination**, on proceeding to the next choice, would be again in **Nomination**.

Page 991, 1010, Journal.

Con. Subs., Art. 3, Cl. 7, 8.

In case of a vacancy in any elective office from any cause, the **Nomination**, Election and Installation must be held in accordance with the Constitutional provisions for regular elections, except that the Installation may be performed upon the night of election.

Page 855, 871, Journal.

NOMINATION—NEW LODGES.

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A candidate must have received the Three Past Official Degrees before he can be **Nominated** for the office of Degree Master.

Page 634, 668, Journal.
Con. Subs., Art 3, Cl. 2.
Con. D. L., Cl. 10.
Section 518, Digest.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

Con. G. L., Cl. 19, 27.
G. L., Order of Business, No. 17.
Con. Subs., Art. 3, Cl. 2, 4, 5, 7.
Sub. L., Rule of Order No. 2, Cl. 5.

NEW LODGES.

In a **New Lodge**, any Charter Member is eligible to the office of Vice Grand, if the Recording Secretary declines.

Page 540, 587, 589, 590, Journal.

Charter Members of **New Lodges** should pay the regular fee for deposit of Card, according to the By-Laws of the Lodge.

Page 769, 790, 791, 661, 668, Journal.

The refunding a portion of the Fees for Initiation and Degrees, is recommended in favor of the Charter Members of **New Lodges** after their organization.

Page 37, Journal G. L., O., of 1859.

A Grand Master is justified in using his own discretion as to granting or refusing Dispensations for **New Lodges**, during the recess of this Grand Lodge.

Page 828, 904, 916, Journal.

An officer *instituting* a **Degree Lodge**, would be justified in erasing the name of a proposed Charter Member from the Dispensation, if such member was absent at the Institution.

Page 874, 898, Journal.

Two months' service in an appointed office in a **New Lodge**

qualifies a brother for an office, all regularly qualified brothers having declined.

Page 540, 587, 589, 591, Journal.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

Con. G. L., Cl. 10, 29, 32, 69 to 74, inclusive.

Con. Subs., Article 1.

Con. D. L., Cl. 1 to 5, inclusive.

NOTICES.

If the By-Laws of a Lodge provide that **Notice** of sickness must be given within a limited time, and such **Notice** is not given within the prescribed time, the brother in such a case would not be entitled to Benefits during that illness.

Page 993, 1005, Journal.

A Lodge cannot declare the office of Secretary vacant on account of absence for two nights, and elect another to fill the vacancy, without the written resignation of the brother who filled the office. The Secretary must have been absent three successive meetings, and even then **Notice** must have been given for one week before a vote of the Lodge would be in order declaring the office vacant.

Page 539, 587, 589, 590, Journal.

Con. Subs., Art. 3, Cl. 13.

Section 1346, Digest.

The granting of any amount to the Trustees of the widow of a deceased brother, who died while in arrears for dues, is not granting money for "Lodge Purposes," in the true meaning of that term, and at least the same majority should be required in such a case as is required in granting Special Relief to a Brother in Good Standing, and the notice required before taking such a vote, should be in accordance with the By-Laws of the Lodge.

Page 660, 668, Journal.

NOTICES—NOBLE GRAND.

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CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

Con. G. L., Cl. 12, 13, 17, 32, 55, 93.

G. L. Rule of Order No. 23.

Con. Subs., Art. 2, Cl. 8, 14.

" " " 3, " 5, 13.

" " " 4, " 2.

" " " 6, " 8, 11, 13.

Sub. L. Rule of Order, 11.

Con. D. L., Cl. 4.

NOBLE GRAND.

The **Noble Grand** has discretionary power, and is not compelled to prevent members from retiring from the Lodge at any time except during Initiations.

Page 577, 588, 589, 591, Journal.

A **Noble Grand** has no right in any case to give the casting vote on a Ballot.

Page 634, 668, 767, 789, 791, Journal.

A **Noble Grand** has no right to order a new Ballot in case of a Rejection, unless all the Brothers who cast the Black Balls ask for a reconsideration, and then the whole reconsideration must be in accordance with Sections 128, 129, of the Digest.

Page 768, 790, 791, Journal.

A Lodge having by Ballot granted a Final Card, and the **Noble Grand** (through misunderstanding of the Law) having declared the Card refused, the decision of the **Noble Grand** would not be binding on the Lodge, and the applicant should receive his Card.

Page 855, 901, Journal.

A **Noble Grand** should refuse admission to all Visitors who are not in possession of the Term P. W., or an order for it, unless they are in possession of a Card and the A. T. P. W.

Page 855, 901, Journal.
Section 1857, Digest.

A Noble Grand has the right to withhold the Term P. W. in case of a Member who holds an order for it, if a charge is pending against the Brother.

Page 856, 872, Journal.

A Noble Grand has no right to appeal to his Lodge to sustain his decision in opposition to that of the District Deputy Grand Master.

Page 856, 870, Journal.

A Noble Grand has the right to communicate the Term P. W. to a Member of another Lodge who presents an order for the same verified by the Seal of the Lodge issuing the order.

Page 856, 870, Journal.

Section 1518, 1519, 1520, Digest.

A Noble Grand has the right to retain the chair when Degrees are to be conferred, notwithstanding the Lodge may have a regularly elected Degree Master, but it would be unadvisable to do so.

Page 856, 870, Journal.

A Noble Grand must serve the time specified in the Constitution in order to be entitled to the Honors of the Office.

Page 664, 665, Journal.

Con. Subs., Art. 4, Cl. 1, 6.

(NOTE.—This decision is qualified by Section 1551, 1552, 1556, 1795, Digest.)

The **Noble Grand** has a casting vote in case of a tie, on all questions except those matters determined by Ballot.

Page 419, 425, 426, Journal.

A Noble Grand may invite a Visiting Past Grand to deliver the Past Grand's Charge.

Page 539, 587, 589, 590, Journal.

Section 925, Digest.

The mere declaration of the **Noble Grand** does not constitute a person a Member of a Lodge.

Page 858, 903, Journal.

A **Noble Grand** has the right to reverse his decision.

Page 858, 903, Journal.

A **Noble Grand** is not justified in refusing to sign a draft ordered by his Lodge in conformity with the Constitution and the By-Laws of his Lodge.

Page 859, 902, Journal.

The **Noble Grand** has the appointing of all Appointed Officers in a Lodge, except the Supporters of the Vice Grand; it being understood that all appointments are with the approval of the Lodge.

Page 634, 668, Journal.
Con. Subs., Art. 3, Cl. 10.
Section 1368, Digest.

When the Minutes of a Lodge are properly recorded, the **Noble Grand** has no right to declare them incorrect because he deems the action of the Lodge illegal.

Page 660, 668, Journal.

Members without the Term P. W. and in arrears to disqualify them from receiving the same, cannot be admitted to their Lodge without the consent of the **Noble Grand**.

Page 459, 506, 508, Journal.

(NOTE.—It is questionable whether the N. G. can admit them under the circumstances. Section 1385, Digest.)

Without the consent of the **Noble Grand**, a Lodge cannot admit a Member who is in arrears sufficiently to debar him from receiving the Term P. W.

Page 460, 507, 508, Journal.

(See also note to preceding decision.)

The **Noble Grand** is authorized to compel Officers to wear the Regalia of their Offices.

Page 501, 508, Journal.
Section 1648, 1661, Digest.

A **Noble Grand** may, in the absence of a Grand Officer

or Past Grand of his Lodge, request a Visiting Past Grand to install the Officers elect.

Page 539, 587, 589, 590, Journal.
Section 937, 939, Digest.

The **Noble Grand** should confer the Rebecca Degree.

Page 851, 904, Journal.

A **Noble Grand** cannot, except by a two-thirds vote of his Lodge, declare a favorable Ballot void.

Page 911, 916, Journal.
Section 131, Digest.

A **Noble Grand** cannot, except by a two-thirds vote of his Lodge, declare a favorable Ballot void and order a new Ballot.

Page 991, 992, 1003, Journal.
Section 131, Digest.

All business of a Lodge is not illegal on account of the absence of the **Noble Grand** and Vice-Grand, the Past Grand having presided.

Page 660, 668, Journal.
Section 1008, Digest.

After the reception of the Report of a Committee on Character, it is not competent for the **Noble Grand** with the concurrence of the Lodge to postpone the Ballot, on account of a statement that the Candidate is suffering from congestion of the lungs.

Page 854, 896, 897, Journal.
Con. Subs., Art. 2, Cl. 4.

A Scarlet Degree Member who has not passed the **Noble Grand's** Chair, is not eligible for the Office of Deputy Degree Master in a regularly constituted Degree Lodge.

Page 858, Journal.
Con. D. L., Cl. 11.

A District D. G. Master is empowered to issue a Dispensation for the purpose of electing a Scarlet Degree Member

to the Office of **Noble Grand**, all regularly qualified Members being absent.

Page 851, 872, Journal.
Section 1334, 1335, Digest.

A District D. G. Master should not give his decision until the question has been first submitted to the **Noble Grand**.

Page 855, 872, Journal.

Service the requisite term in the **Noble Grand's** chair, is a necessary qualification for the Office of Degree Master in a regularly constituted Degree Lodge.

Page 858, Journal.
Con. D. L., Cl. 10.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

Con. G. L., Cl. 12, 17, 74, 95.

Con. Subs., Art. 2, Cl. 3.

" " " 3, " 1, 2, 3, 10, 12, 15.

" " " 4, " 2.

" " " 7, " 1, 2.

" " " 8, " 2.

(For rules governing Debate and the disposal of Motions, Questions of Order, &c., see Subordinate Lodge Rules of Order.)

ODES.

The practice of using **Odes**, printed and obtained otherwise than as provided by Section 807 of the Digest of the G. L., U. S., is illegal.

Page 957, 1050, Journal.

OFFICE AND OFFICERS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

A Brother who has signified his willingness to accept **Office**, may, though absent, be put in Nomination for **Office**.

Page 540, 587, 589, 590, Journal.
Con. Subs., Art. 3, Cl. 5.

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In a newly instituted Lodge, any Charter Member is eligible for the **Office** of Vice Grand, if the Recording Secretary declines.

Page 540, 587, 589, 590, Journal.

The question as to the necessity of all the **Appointed Officers** having the Scarlet Degree, depends upon the By-Laws of the Lodge.

Page 768, 789, 791, Journal.

In case of a new Lodge, or in case all regularly qualified members decline, a Brother who has filled an **Appointed Office** for two months, is eligible for an Elective Office.

Page 540, 589, 591, Journal

A Brother cannot be Installed into two **Offices**.

Page 851, 870, Journal.

The Noble Grand has the appointing of all **Appointed Officers** in a Lodge, except ~~the~~ Supporters of the Vice Grand; it being understood that all appointments are with the approval of the Lodge.

Page 634, 668, Journal.

Con. Subs., Art. 3, Cl. 10.

Section 1368, Digest.

The Noble Grand is authorized to ~~compel~~ **Officers** to wear the Regalia of their **Offices**.

Page 501, 508, Journal.

Section 1648, 1661, Digest.

A Noble Grand may, in the absence of a Grand Officer or Past Grand of his Lodge, request a Visiting Past Grand to install the **Officers** elect.

Pages 539, 587, 589, 590, Journal.

Section 937, 939, Digest.

In case of a vacancy in any **Elective Office** from any cause the Nomination, Election and Installation must be in accordance with the Constitutional provisions for the regular Elections, except that the Installation may take place upon the night of Election.

Page 835, 871, Journal.

OFFICE AND OFFICERS OF SUB. LODGES. 87

Subordinate Lodges may hold their Meetings Semi-Monthly, provided twenty-six nights' service is required as the Term of **Office**.

Page 18, Journal, G. L. O., 1861.
Con. Subs., Art. 1, Cl. 1.
Section 843, 844, Digest.

Subordinate Lodge Seals cannot be used by the **Officers** of a Lodge, except under special instructions of the Lodge, or in obedience to the By-Laws of the same.

Page 7, Journal, G. L. O., for 1859.
Section 990, Digest.

It is imperative upon the **Officers** of Subordinate Lodges to commit to memory the Charges appertaining to their several **Offices**, as soon as practicable after their Installation.

Page 496, Journal.
Section 1938, Digest.

See LECTURES.)

Though the Constitution provides that **Officers** shall wear the Regalia of their respective **Offices** while in the Lodge, and that other members shall wear the Regalia of the highest Degree they have attained, it would be unjust to refuse a Brother admission, who was unable at the time to procure Regalia in accordance with his rank and station.

Page 578, 588, 589, Journal.

Twenty-six nights' service in an **Appointed Office** qualifies a Brother for filling the **Office** of Vice Grand.

Page 540, 587, 589, 590, Journal.
Con. Subs., Art. 3, Cl. 2.

A District D. G. Master is empowered to issue a Dispensation for the purpose of electing a Scarlet Degree member to the **Office** of Noble Grand, all regularly qualified Brothers being absent.

Page 851, 871, Journal.
Section 1334, 1335, Digest.

ORPHANS—PASS WORDS.

For General or Constitutional References and other Special Decisions applicable, see the respective headings or titles of Subordinate Lodge **Officers**.

ORPHANS.

(SEE WIDOWS & ORPHANS.)

PASS WORDS.

A Visiting Card in force is of no use for Visiting purposes, unless the holder of the Card is also in possession of the **A. T. P. W.**

Page 740, 789, 791, Journal.
Section 257, 1853, Digest.

When the By-Laws of a Lodge require the Dues payable quarterly in advance, a Brother who had not so paid would not be entitled to the **Term P. W.**

Page 855, 871, Journal.

A Brother taking a Withdrawal Card is also entitled to the **A. T. P. W.**, or an order for it.

Page 855, 871, Journal.
Section 261, Digest.

Without the **Term P. W.**, a Noble Grand cannot admit a Visitor from another Lodge, unless he presents an order for the same, or is in possession of a Card in force and the **A. T. P. W.**

Page 855, 901, Journal.
Section 1857, Digest.

The **Term P. W.** may be withheld from a Brother by the Noble Grand, though he be in possession of an order for it, provided there are Charges pending against the Brother.

Page 855, 856, Journal.

The **Vice Grand's P. W.** of the night should re-admit a Brother to the Lodge upon the same evening it is obtained.

Page 248, 260, 261, Journal.
Section 1881, (a), Digest.

Members without the **Term P. W.**, and in Arrears sufficiently to disqualify them from receiving it, cannot be admitted to their Lodge without the consent of the Noble Grand.

Page 459, 460, 506, 508, Journal.
Section 1534, 1535, Digest.

NOTE.—The Sections of the Digest referred to, imply that even the Noble Grand cannot admit them under the circumstances.

The **Term P. W.** should be communicated to an Initiate before retiring.

Page 460, 507, 508, Journal.

The Warden is entitled to receive from every member at the examination on opening a Lodge, both the **Term P. W.** and the Explanation of the same.

Page 460, 507, 508, Journal.

An Applicant for Membership by a Card in force, must also be in possession of the **A. T. P. W.**

Page 634, 668, Journal.
Section 266, Digest.

In case of a Brother obtaining admission to a Lodge upon a **Pass Word** illegally obtained, he should, if a Suspended or Expelled member, be refused admission, and if not a Suspended or Expelled member, Charges should be preferred against him and he be placed upon Trial.

Page 858, 897, 898, Journal.

A Brother joining by Card must be in possession of the **A. T. P. W.**, no matter to what Jurisdiction he formerly belonged.

Page 856, 870, Journal.
Section 266, Digest.

It is competent for the Noble Grand to communicate the

Term P. W. to a member of another Lodge who is in possession of an Order for the same, verified by the Seal of the Lodge issuing the Order.

Page 856, 870, Journal.
Section 1518, 1519, 1520, Digest.

Without the consent of the Noble Grand, a Lodge cannot admit a member who is in Arrears sufficiently to debar him from receiving the **Term P. W.**

Page 454, 460, 507, 508, Journal.

NOTE.—It is questionable if the N. G. can admit under the circumstances. See Section 1535, Digest.

Members without the **T. P. W.** and in Arrears to disqualify them from receiving the same, cannot be admitted to their Lodge without the consent of the Noble Grand.

Page 459, 460, 506, 508, Journal.

The Note to the preceding decision also applies to this.

When the By-Laws of a Lodge require the Dues payable in advance, a member would not be entitled to the **Term P. W.** until he had so paid, and would be in Arrears.

Page 855, 871, Journal.

A Brother cannot Visit on the **A. T. P. W.** alone; he must also have a Card in force.

Page 855, 901, Journal.
Section 1853, 1868, 1875, 1876, Digest.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

Con. G. L., Cl. 29, 37, 38.
G. L. Order of Business, No. 5.
Con. Subs., Art. 4, Cl. 4.

PROPOSITIONS.

No vote of the Lodge is necessary to receive a **Proposition** for Membership.

Page 951, 1004, 1012, Journal.

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The **Proposer** of a Candidate for Membership cannot withdraw a **Proposition** after the Committee have reported unfavorably.

Page 856, 873, Journal.
Section 918, Digest.

FOR CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES,

SEE APPLICATION.

Intimately connected with this subject are the questions of **Admission, Ballot and Membership.**

PETITIONS.

Con. G. L., Cl. 41, 51, 71.
G. L. Order of Business, No. 15.
G. L. Rules of Order, No. 2, Cl. 8.
Con. D. L., Cl. 2, 4.

SEE ALSO APPLICATION.

PRINTING.

Con. G. L., Cl. 32, 41, 47, 77.

POSTPONEMENT.

After the reception of the Report of a Committee on Character, it is not competent for the Noble Grand with the consent of the Lodge to **postpone** the Ballot, because of a statement that the Applicant is suffering from congestion of the lungs.

Page 854, 896, 897, Journal.
Con. Subs., Art. 2, Cl. 4.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

G. L. Rules of Order 5, 9.
Sub. L. Rules of Order 4, 10.

PAST OFFICIAL DEGREES.

The **Past Official Degrees** are not a necessary qualification for Office in Grand Lodge or for the position of District Deputy Grand Master.

Page 799, 801, Journal.
Section 1557, Digest.

The **Three Past Official Degrees** are a necessary qualification for Nomination to the Office of Degree Master.

Page 634, 668, Journal.
Con. D. L., Cl. 10.
Section 518, Digest.

Degree Masters must be in possession of the **Three Past Official Degrees**.

Page 740, 789, 791, Journal.
Con. Subs., Art. 3, Cl. 2.
Con. D. L., Cl. 10.
Section 518, Digest.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

Con. G. L., Cl. 74.
Con. Subs., Art. 3, Cl. 2.
Con. D. L., Cl. 10.

PRIVILEGED QUESTIONS OR MOTIONS.

A Motion having been made and seconded, any Motion that does not actually amend the same would be out of order, except it be a Privileged Question as provided for in the Rules of Order.

Page 851, 904, Journal.
Sub. L. Rule of Order, No. 4.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

GRAND LODGE.

G. L. Rules of Order, No. 5.

To Adjourn.

" Lay on the Table.

" Put the Previous Question.

" Postpone.

" Refer.

" Amend.

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To Adjourn, to Lay on the Table, and to Put the Previous Question, must be decided without Debate.

Also G. L. Rule of Order, No. 6, 7, 9.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

SUBORDINATE LODGE.

Subordinate Lodge Rules of Order, Rule No. 4, Cl. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.

To Adjourn, to Lay on the Table, and the Previous Question must be decided without Debate.

PAST OFFICERS.

GRAND AND SUBORDINATE.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

Con. G. L., Cl. 8.

Con. Subs., Art. 4, Cl. 8.

“ “ 7, Cl. 5.

See also PAST GRAND MASTER, PAST GRAND REPRESENTATIVE, PAST SECRETARY, &c.

PAST GRAND MASTER.

Con. G. L., Cl. 8, 23, 66, 67.

Con. Subs., Art. 7, Cl. 5.

PAST GRAND REPRESENTATIVE.

Con. G. L., Cl. 68.

Con. Subs., Art. 7, Cl. 5.

PAST SECRETARY.

Con. G. L., Cl. 74.

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PRAYER.

Con. G. L., Cl. 35.

G. L., Order of Business No. 6.

PERMANENT SECRETARY.

The office of **Permanent Secretary** cannot be dispensed with, but the same Brother may perform the duties of both Secretaries.

Page 661, 664, Journal.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

Con. Subs., Art. 2, Cl. 10.

" " 3, " 1, 2, 6, 15, 16.

" " 4, " 6.

" " 7, " 1, 2.

PENALTIES.

See **EXPULSION, SUSPENSION, ARREARS, FINES and FORFEITURES.**

POWERS.

See the respective names and titles of **GRAND and SUBORDINATE LODGES and GRAND and SUBORDINATE LODGE OFFICERS.**

PAST GRANDS.

A **Junior Past Grand** is eligible for election as Representative, though the Returns to the Grand Lodge may not have been made up.

Page 856, 870, Journal.
Section 1561, Digest.

A **Visiting Past Grand** may deliver the **Past Grand's** Charge, when invited to do so by the **Noble Grand**.

Page 539, 587, 589, 590, Journal.
Section 925, Digest.

A **Visiting Past Grand** may install the officers elect, in the absence of a **Grand Officer** and all **Past Grands** of the Lodge, when called upon to do so by the **Noble Grand**.

Page 539, 587, 589, Journal.
Section 937, 939, Digest.

An Installation performed by a **Visiting Past Grand** would not be illegal, though so declared by the **District Deputy Grand Master**.

Page 539, 587, 589, 590, Journal.
Section 4, 937, 939, Digest.

A Lodge violates no law of the Order in electing, as a Representative, a **Past Grand** who is absent at the time of election, even though he has sent no excuse for absence, or expressed his willingness to accept the position.

Page 766, 780, Journal.

It is not competent for a **Past Grand** to represent more than one Subordinate Lodge in this Grand Lodge.

Page 671, Journal.

A **Junior Past Grand** is eligible as Representative to this Grand Lodge.

Page 346, 375, Journal.
Section 1561, Digest.

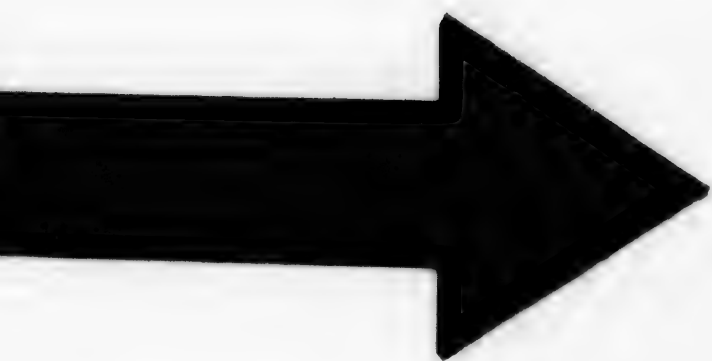
All business of a Lodge is not illegal on account of the absence of the **Noble Grand** and **Vice Grand**, the **Past Grand** having presided.

Page 660, 668, Journal.
Section 1008, Digest.

Scarlet Degree Members are eligible to serve on Committees to try **Past Grands**.

Page 460, 507, 508, Journal.





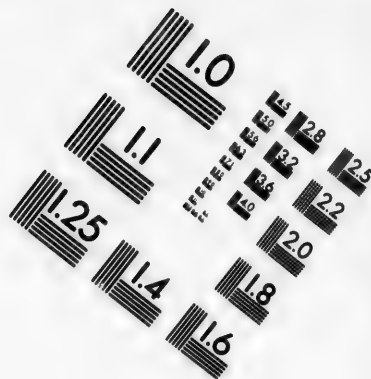
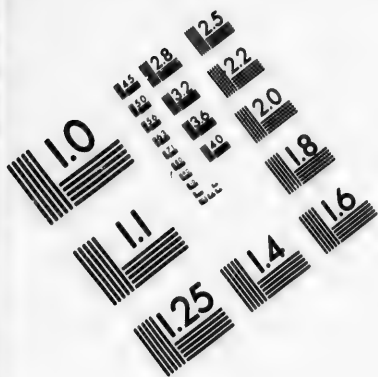
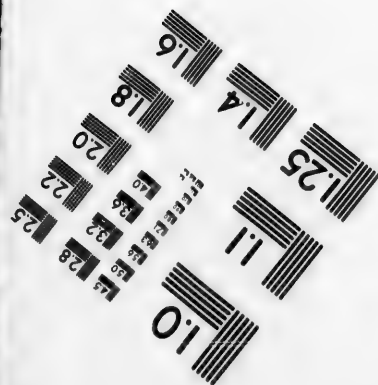
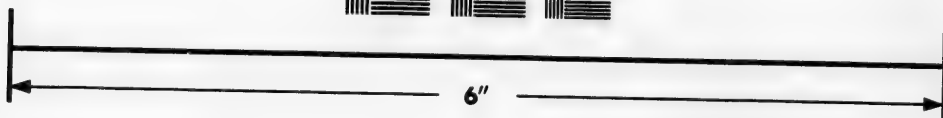
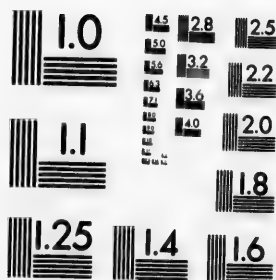


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QUORUM—QUALIFICATION.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

- Con. G. L., Cl. 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 29, 31, 36, 65, 66, 95.
 G. L. Rule of Order No 21.
 Con. Subs., Art. 3, Cl. 2.
 " " " 4, " 8.
 " " " 7, " 2.
 Con. D. L., Cl. 10, 11.

 QUORUM.

The five members necessary to form a **Quorum** in a Subordinate Lodge, need not all be in possession of the Scarlet Degree.

Page 854, 873, Journal.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

- Con. G. L., Cl. 45, 59.
 Con. Subs., Art. 4, Cl. 3.
 " " " 6, " 8.
 Con. D. L., Cl. 12.

 QUALIFICATION.

Service the requisite term in the Noble Grand's Chair is a required **Qualification** for the Office of Degree Master in a regularly constituted Degree Lodge.

Page 858, Journal.

Con. D. L., Cl. 10.

The Three Past Official Degrees are a necessary **Qualification** for the Office of Degree Master.

Page 634, 668, 740, 789, 791, Journal.

Con. D. L., Cl. 10.

Section 518, Digest.

Twenty-six nights' service in an Appointed Office **Qualifies** a Brother for filling the office of Vice Grand.

Page 540, 587, 589, 590, Journal.

Con. Subs., Art. 3, Cl. 2.

Two months' service in an appointed office in a New Lodge, **Qualifies** a brother for an Elective Office, all regularly **Qualified** brothers having declined.

Page 540, 589, 591, Journal.

The question as to the Scarlet Degree being a necessary **Qualification** for all appointed officers, depends upon the By-Laws of the Lodge.

Page 768, 789, 791, Journal.

When a Subordinate Lodge confers its own Degrees upon its own members, it is *not necessary* that all brothers should be in *possession* of the Scarlet Degree to **Qualify** them to ballot for Degree Master.

Page 769, 790, 791, Journal.

The Past Official Degrees are not a necessary **Qualification** for office in this Grand Lodge, or for District Deputy Grand Master.

Page 799, 801, Journal.
Section 1557, Digest.

In a newly instituted Lodge, any Charter Member is **Eligible** for the office of Vice Grand, if the Recording Secretary declines.

Page 540, 587, 589, 590, Journal.

A District Deputy Grand Master is empowered to issue a Dispensation for the purpose of electing a Scarlet Degree Member to the office of Noble Grand, all regularly **Qualified** brothers being absent.

Page 851, 871, Journal.
Section 1334, 1335, Digest.

The Three Past Official Degrees are a necessary **Qualification** for nomination to the office of Degree Master.

Page 634, 668, Journal.
Con. D. L., Cl. 10.
Section 518, Digest.

The five members necessary to form a quorum in a Subor-

dinate Lodge, need not all be in possession of the Scarlet Degree.

Page 854, 873, Journal.

A Subordinate Lodge may, if it chooses, initiate a person who can neither read or write.

Page 634, 668, 855, 870, Journal.

A Junior Past Grand is *eligible* as Representative.

Page 346, 375, Journal.
Section 1385, Digest.

A Junior Past Grand is *eligible* for election as Representative, though the Returns to Grand Lodge may not have been made up.

Page 856, 870, Journal.
Section 1385, Digest.

For **Qualification** for Benefits, see Benefits.

“ “ “ Admission, see Application and Admission.

For **Qualification** for Re-admission, see also Reinstatement, Ancient Odd-Fellow and Cards.

For **Qualification** for Visiting, see Cards and Visiting.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

Con. G. L., Cl. 5, 6, 7, 8, 42, 69, 70, 74.

Con. Subs., Art. 1.

“ “ “ 2, Cl. 1, 5, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14.

“ “ “ 3, “ 2, 3, 11, 12.

“ “ “ 5, “ 6, 7, 8.

Con. D. L., Cl. 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 11, 18.

REJECTION.

In case of a **Rejection** (there being two or more Lodges in the same place) an application thereafter from the party **rejected**, should not be considered by another Lodge in that place, without first consulting the Lodge where the **Rejection** occurred.

Page 412, 425, 426, Journal.

The By-Laws of a Lodge are the only guide, as to how long a time must elapse after **Rejection** for Degrees, before the Brother can again apply for Degrees.

Page 419, 425, 426, Journal.
Section 474, Digest.

An Applicant by Card was opposed by more than two Black Balls and declared by the Vice-Grand, on his examination of the Ballot Box, **Rejected**. The Noble Grand in ignorance of the Law in the case deemed the Applicant Elected, and so declared. Upon a vote of the Lodge, the Noble Grand was sustained and the Candidate was introduced as a Member of the Lodge. The D. D. G. Master, and the Grand Master, having been appealed to, decided against the action of the Noble Grand and the Lodge. The Brother then applied for a Withdrawal Card. The Lodge having arrived at the conclusion that its action in admitting him (after a legal ballot **Rejecting** him) was illegal, and that the Applicant not having signed the Constitution and By-Laws (which act was necessary to complete his membership) was not a Member of the Lodge, refused the Card asked for, but returned the Fees paid and the Card he had deposited with the Lodge.

On an appeal to this Grand Lodge, the final action of the Subordinate Lodge was sustained and the Appeal dismissed.

Page 849, 886, 888, Journal.
Con. Subs., Art. 2, Cl. 4, 5, 6.
Section 1132, 1133, 1145, 1925, Digest.

A Noble Grand has no right to order a new ballot in case of a **Rejection**, unless all the Brothers who cast Black Balls ask for a re-consideration, and then the whole re-consideration must be in accordance with Sections 128, 129, of the Digest, G. L., U. S.

Page 768, 790, 791, Journal.

A ballot **Rejecting** a Candidate is not void because a Member voted who was in Arrears, and a re-consideration can only be had as defined by Sections 128, 129, Digest of the G. L., U. S.

Page 766, 784, 785, Journal.

On a ballot for a Candidate against whom three Black

Balls appeared, two of which were cast by mistake, (as acknowledged by those casting them) the ballot is not void, and the Candidate is **Rejected**, and a re-consideration of the ballot can only be had in accordance with Sections 128, 129, Digest, G. L., U. S.

Page 992, 1002, Journal.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

Con. Subs., Art. 2, Cl. 4, 8, 9, 11.

RE-INSTATEMENT.

A Brother having ceased Membership for Non-payment of Dues, cannot **Re-instate** himself by merely paying his Arrears to the Secretary, and his Arrears having been so paid and received by the Secretary, does not give him, or his Widow, any claim to benefits in case of his sickness and death.

Page 633, 668, 672, 681, 682, 793, Journal.

Members of Defunct Lodges may be **Re-instated** in Subordinate Lodges in this Jurisdiction as Ancient Odd Fellows, (on producing proper evidence of previous good standing) upon such terms as Subordinate Lodges may prescribe.

Page 237, Journal.

Con. Subs., Article 6, Cl. 6.

Section 418, Digest.

This Grand Lodge approves a By-Law providing that any Suspended Member, (who by ballot may be deemed worthy) may be **Re-instated** in his Lodge by paying his Dues as they accrue from the date of **Re-instatement**, and should he at any time become entitled to benefits, said benefits shall first be applied to balance the Arrears charged against him prior to his **Re-instatement**, unless previously paid.

Page 266, Journal.

Section 112, Digest.

A Brother more than twelve months in Arrears, cannot claim **Re-instatement** upon payment of one year's Dues, but the Lodge may commute with him.

Page 418, 425, 426, Journal.

A Member of an Extinct Lodge who did not regularly withdraw, can be **Re-instated** to Membership in the Order, only upon a Card from the Grand Lodge under which the Defunct Lodge was working.

Page 365, 376, Journal.
Con. Subs., Art. 8, Cl. 6.
Section 418, 1169, Digest.

In the case of a Brother without a Card, but who proves upon examination to be in possession of the Secrets of the Order, the ceremony of Initiation may be dispensed with, but his case should be submitted to Committee and a ballot the same as though he had never been Initiated, he paying an Initiation Fee according to his age and the By-Laws of the Lodge, the same as new applicants.

Page 683, Journal.
Con. Subs., Art. 6, Cl. 6.
Section 70, Digest.

A person claiming to have been a Member of a Defunct Lodge, the records of which have been destroyed and who cannot procure a Card therefrom, can only be **Re-instated** in the Order by application, ballot and fee, as in the case of an Initiate, or by presenting a Card from the Grand Jurisdiction to which he formerly belonged.

Page 740, 789, 791, Journal.
Con. Subs., Art. 6, Cl. 6.
Section 68, 1181, Digest.

An Ancient Odd Fellow on **Re-instatement**, is not required to pay fees for Degrees, provided he can prove himself in those Degrees.

Page 740, 789, 791, Journal.
Section 70, Digest.

In **Re-instating** an Ancient Odd Fellow, who has been proposed and balloted for, upon deposit of Card, he cannot claim the right to withdraw his Card deposited.

Page 857, 901, Journal.

It is left to Subordinate Lodges to decide, by means of the ballot in each particular case, whether it is advisable to **Re-instate** Ancient Odd Fellows over the age of 50.

Page 858, 899, Journal.

A Brother over 50 years of age holding a Card cannot be admitted to Honorary Membership, but Lodges may provide by By-Law for the admission or **Re-instatement** of such Brothers.

Page 740, 789, 791, Journal.
Con. G. L., Cl. 78.
Section 906, 1203, Digest.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

Con. G. L., Cl. 95, 96, 97.
Con. Subs., Art. 6, Cl. 3, 4, 5, 6.
Con. D. L., Cl. 13.

REGALIA.

Encampment Regalia cannot be worn in a Subordinate Lodge except by Visitors.

Page 774, 790, 791, Journal.
Con. Subs., Art. 7, Cl. 5, 6.
Section 1651, 1654, 1655, Digest.

Though the Constitution provides that Officers shall wear the **Regalia** of their respective Offices while in the Lodge, and that members shall wear the **Regalia** of the highest Degree they have attained, it would be unjust to refuse a Brother admission who was unable at the time to procure a **Regalia** in accordance with his Rank or Station.

Page 578, 588, 589, Journal.

The Noble Grand is authorized to compel Officers to wear their Official **Regalia** while in Lodge.

Page 501, 508, Journal.
Section 1648, Digest.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

Con. G. L., Cl. 65, 66.
G. L. Order of Business, No. 1.
Con. Subs., Art. 7, Cl. 1, 3, 4, 5, 6.

RESUSCITATION—RE-CONSIDERATION. 103

RESUSCITATION.

Con. G. L., Cl. 96, 97.

RE-CONSIDERATION.

A Ballot rejecting a Candidate is not void because a member voted who was in Arrears, and a **Re-consideration** can only be had as defined by Sections 128, and 129, Digest of the G. L., U. S.

Page 766, 784, 785, Journal.

The Noble Grand has no right to order a new ballot in case of a rejection, unless all the Brothers who cast Black Balls ask for a **Re-consideration**, and then the whole **Re-consideration** must be in accordance with Sections 128 and 129, Digest, G. L., U. S.

Page 768, 790, 791, Journal.

On a ballot for a Candidate against whom three Black Balls appeared, two of which were cast by mistake, (as acknowledged by those casting them), the ballot is not void, and the Candidate is rejected, and a **Re-consideration** of the ballot can only be had in accordance with Sections 128 and 129 of the Digest, G. L., U. S.

Page 992, 1002, Journal.

Before the declaration of the result a ballot may be declared void, provided any Brother claims he cast a Black Ball by mistake.

Page 795, 801, Journal, O.

Page 5852, 5936, Journal, U. S.

Balloting for Initiates without Ball Ballots is illegal and void, and a new ballot with Ball Ballots on the same case would be legal and in order.

Page 248, 260, 261, Journal, O.

Page 5847, 5935, Journal, U. S.

It is competent for a Subordinate Lodge by a two-thirds vote, to **Re-consider** a *favorable* ballot and order a new one, but the Noble Grand has not that right.

Page 991, 1003, Journal.

Section 131, Digest.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

G. L. Rule of Order, No. 9.

Sub. L. Rule of Order, No. 10, 11.

REPORTS.

No vote of the Lodge is necessary to receive the **Report** of a Committee on Character before the ballot is taken.

Page 951, 1004, 1012, Journal.

After the reception of the **Report** of a Committee on Character, it is not competent for the Noble Grand, with the consent of the Lodge, to postpone the ballot, because of a statement that the applicant was suffering from congestion of the lungs.

Page 854, 896, 897, Journal.
Con. Subs., Art. 2, Cl. 4.

The proposer of a candidate for membership cannot withdraw a Proposition after the committee have **Reported** unfavorably.

Page 856, 873, Journal.
Section 918, Digest.

All communications and returns from Subordinate Lodges, or their members, intended for this Grand Lodge or its officials, during recess, should be addressed to the D. D. G. Master having jurisdiction therein, and whenever said D. D. G. M. is of opinion that said communication or **Report** is incorrect or not in order, he shall have the power of referring said document back to the source whence it emanated for correction; all said documents when correct, to be forwarded by him to their proper destination.

Page 21, Journal, G. L., Ontario, 1858.

After a committee have **Reported** in favor of Expulsion, the Lodge must act on the **Report** as made, and cannot ignore the committee and its **Report**, by appointing another committee in the case.

Page 538, 587, Journal.
Con. Subs., Art. 2, Cl. 4.
Section 1847, Digest.

After the **Report** of a Committee on Character has been received, any Brother has the right, and should have the opportunity to make remarks, either for or against the candidate before the ballot is taken.

Page 1049, 1064, Journal.

A sick member cannot make himself good on the books by paying Arrears before being **Reported** sick.

Page 419, 425, 426, Journal.
Section 169, 170, Digest.

A Committee on Character should make no **Final Report**, without having seen the Candidate, and obtained from him the answers to the usual questions.

Page 855, 872, Journal.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

Con. G. L., 9, 13, 14, 15, 20, 32, 34, 39, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 52, 53, 56, 62, 63, 64, 72, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89.

G. L. Order of Business, No. 9, 10, 13, 19.

G. L. Rule of Order, No. 2, Cl. 3, 6, 11, 12.

Con. Subs., Art. 2, Cl. 3, 4.

" " " 4, " 8, 9, 10, 11.

" " " 6, " 3.

Sub. L. Rule of Order, No. 2, Cl. 4, 6, 9, 10.

Con. D. L., Cl. 17, 21, 22.

RESIDENCE.

It is not requisite that a Brother should be a **Resident** of a place six months before he can re-unite with the Lodge from which he holds his Withdrawal Card.

Page 795, 801, Journal.
Section 296, 1128, Digest.

It is clearly a violation of the Constitution and of the usages of the Order, for any Lodge to Initiate Candidates **Resident** within the jurisdiction of another Lodge, unless the consent of that Lodge be first obtained.

Page 849, 850, 862, Journal.

A Grand Master may grant a Dispensation to enable persons **Resident** in this jurisdiction, to be initiated in other Grand jurisdictions, when **Residing** at a distance from any Lodge in Ontario.

Page 793, Journal.

A Widow in receipt of Benefits would not forfeit the same by removal from the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Page 686, 687, Journal.
Section 187, Digest.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

Con. Subs., Art. 2, Cl. 1, 2.
Con. D. L., Cl. 5.

REPRESENTATIVES.

A Junior Past Grand is eligible as **Representative**.

Page 346, 375, Journal.
Section 1385, Digest.

A Junior Past Grand is eligible for election as **Representative**, though the Returns to Grand Lodge may not have been made up.

Page 856, 870, Journal.
Section 1385, Digest.

A **Representative** to Grand Lodge is not an Officer of his own Lodge by virtue of being **Representative**.

Page 865, 900, Journal.

A Lodge violates no law of the Order in electing, as a **Representative**, a Past Grand who is absent at the time of election, even though he has sent no excuse for absence, or expressed his willingness to accept the position.

Page 766, 780, Journal.

A **Representative** cannot represent more than one Subordinate Lodge in this Grand Lodge, at the same Session.

Page 671, Journal.

Nominations for **Representatives** to this Grand Lodge must be made before proceeding to election.

Page 660, 668, Journal.

The Secretaries of Subordinate Lodges are required to forward the Credentials of **Representatives** elect to the R. W. Grand Secretary, at least two weeks prior to the annual meeting of this Grand Lodge.

Page 800, Journal.

The special decisions as to mode of electing **Representatives** will be found under the heads of ELECTIONS and BALLOT.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

Con. G. L., Cl. 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 28, 32, 42, 50, 56, 59, 61, 62, 66.

G. L. Order of Business, No. 8, 11.

G. L. Rules of Order, No. 2, Cl. 3.

REVENUE.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

Con. G. L., Cl. 4, 32, 33, 39, 41, 62, 70, 73, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 94, 95.

Con. Subs., Art. 4, Cl. 9, 10.

" " " 5, " 1 to 5 inclusive.

" " " 6, " 1, 4, 6.

" " " 8, " 4.

Con. D. L., Cl. 2, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22.

RANK AND PRECEDENCE.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

Con. G. L., Cl. 5, 23.

Con. Subs., Art. 3, Cl. 2, 11, 12.

“ “ “ 7, “ 5.

Con. D. L., Cl. 1, 4, 5, 10, 11.

RULES OF ORDER.

A motion having been made and seconded, any motion that does not actually amend the same would be out of order, except it be a Privileged Question as provided for in the **Rules of Order**.

Page 851, 904, Journal.

Sub. L. Rule of Order, No. 4.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

Con. G. L., Cl. 75, 76.

G. L. Rules of Order, No. 23.

Con. Subs., Art. 4, Cl. 3.

Sub. L. Rule of Order, 20, 21.

RESIGNATION.

A Lodge cannot declare the office of Secretary vacant on account of absence for two nights, and elect another to fill the vacancy, without the written **Resignation** of the Brother who filled the office. The Secretary must have been absent three successive meetings, and even then, notice must have been given for one week before a vote would be in order, declaring the office vacant.

Page 539, 587, 589, 590, Journal.

Con. Subs., Art. 3, Cl. 13.

Section 1346, Digest.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

Con. G. L., Cl. 12, 28, 30.

Con. Subs., Art. 2, Cl. 14.

RETURNS

A Junior Past Grand is eligible for election as Representative, though the **Returns** to Grand Lodge may not have been made up.

Page 856, 870, Journal
Section 1385, Digest

All Communications and **Returns** from Subordinate Lodges and their members, intended for this Grand Lodge or its officials during recess, should be addressed to the D. D. G. Master having jurisdiction therein, and whenever said D. D. G. M. is of opinion that said communication or report is incorrect or not in order, he shall have the power of referring said document back to the source whence it emanated for correction; all said documents when correct and in order, to be forwarded by him to their proper destination.

Page 21, Journal, G. L., Ontario, 1858.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

- Con. G. L., Cl. 41, 43, 56, 63, 64, 82, 85, 86.
- G. L. Rule of Order, No. 2, Cl. 6.
- Con. Subs., Art. 4, Cl. 8, 9, 10, 11.
- Con. D. L., Cl. 17, 21, 22.

RECESS.

All Communications and Returns from Subordinate Lodges or their members, intended for this Grand Lodge or its officials, during **Recess**, should be addressed to the D. D. G. Master having jurisdiction therein; and whenever said D. D. G. M. is of opinion that said communication or report is incorrect or not in order, he shall have the power of referring it back to the source whence it emanated for correction; all said documents, when correct, to be forwarded by him, to their proper destination

Page 21, Journal, G. L., Ontario, 1858

A Grand Master is justified in using his own discretion as to granting or refusing Dispensations for New Lodges, during the **Recess** of the Grand Lodge.

Page 828, 904, 916, Journal

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

Con. G. L., Cl. 16, 28, 40, 49, 81, 89.

Con. Subs., Art. 8, Cl. 3, 4.

SEALS.

Subordinate Lodge **Seals** cannot be used by the officers of a Lodge, except under special instructions of the Lodge, or in obedience to the By-Laws of the Lodge.

Page 7, Journal, O., of 1859.

Section 990, Digest.

A Noble Grand has the right to communicate the Term P. W. to a member of another Lodge, who presents an order for the same, verified by the **Seal** of the Lodge issuing the order.

Page 856, 870, Journal.

Section 1518, 1519, 1520, Digest.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

Con. G. L., Cl. 32, 75, 79, 84, 91.

Con. Subs., Art. 8, Cl. 2.

Con. D. L., Cl. 2.

SECOND ASSISTANT DEPUTY DEGREE MASTER.

Con. D. L., Cl. 6, 16.

SESSIONS.

(SEE MEETINGS.)

SUPPLIES.

All **Supplies** for Subordinate Lodges must be sent from the Grand Secretary's Office by Express, Registered Letter or Registered Parcel Post.

Page 782, Journal.

SUPPORTERS.

Con Subs., Art. 3, Cl. 9, 10, 11.

" " " 7, " 1.

STATE OF THE ORDER.

Con. G. L., Cl. 41, 49, 63.

SUSPENSION.

Suspension from membership does not work **Suspension** of either Dues or Arrears.

Page 672, 766, 779, Journal.
Section 112, 562, 1678, Digest.

In case a Brother obtains admission to a Lodge upon a Pass Word illegally obtained, he should, if a **Suspended** or expelled member, be refused admission, and if not a **Suspended** or expelled member, and still persists in entering the Lodge, Charges should be preferred against him and he be placed upon trial.

Page 858, 897, 898, Journal.

The Grand Lodge approves a By-Law, providing that any **Suspended** member, (who by ballot may be deemed worthy), may be re-instated in his Lodge by paying his dues as they accrue, from the date of re-instatement, and should he at any time become entitled to benefits, said benefits shall be applied

to balance the Arrears charged against him, prior to his reinstatement, unless previously paid.

Page 266, Journal.
Section 112, Digest.

Amending, **Suspending** or Repealing By-Laws must be done strictly according to law.

Page 766, 783, Journal.

On a trial for fraud, a member who was absent at his trial could not be **Suspended** for fraud, he could only be punished for contempt.

Page 672, Journal.
Section 388, 389, Digest.

This decision seems to be qualified by

Sections 1824, 1826, Digest.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

Con. G. L., Cl. 15, 17, 93, 95, 96.

G. L. Rule of Order, No. 22, 23.

Con. Subs., Art. 6, Cl. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 11.

" " " 8, " 5.

Sub. L. Rule of Order, No. 14, 20, 21.

Con. D. L., Cl. 12, 13.

SICKNESS.

A **Sick** Brother cannot make himself good on the books by paying his Arrears before being reported **Sick**.

Page 419, 425, 426, Journal.
Section 169, 170, Digest.

A Brother having ceased membership for non-payment of dues, cannot re-instate himself by merely paying his arrears to the Secretary, and his arrears having been so paid and received by the Secretary, would not give him or his widow any claim to benefits in case of his **Sickness** or death.

Page 333, 668, 672, 681, 682, 793, Journal.

A member debarred from benefits by non-payment of dues, cannot by payment become entitled to benefits for a **Sickness** commencing while he was so disqualified.

Page 633, 668, Journal, O.
Page 14, Section 5, Old Digest, G. L., U. S.
Section 169, 170, New Digest, G. L., U. S.

A member cannot by paying dues while **Sick**, become entitled to benefits during that **Sickness**.

Page 765, 783, 784, Journal.
Section 169, 170, Digest.

A Brother not six months a member of a Lodge, would not be entitled to benefits for a **Sickness** commencing during said six months, except under special vote of the Lodge, as provided for special relief, unless the By-Laws so provided.

Page 660, 668, Journal.
Section 290, Digest.

An **Insane** Brother in good standing, though otherwise provided for, would be entitled to regular weekly **Sick** benefits.

Page 577, 588, 589, 591, Journal.
Section 177, Digest.

A widow would not be entitled to benefits, whose husband paid his Arrears during his last **Illness**.

Page 369, Journal.
Section 118, 169, 170, Digest.

If the By-Laws of a Lodge provide that notice of **Sickness** must be given within a limited time, and such notice is not given within the prescribed time, the Brother in such a case would not be entitled to benefits during that **Sickness**.

Page 993, 1005, Journal.

After the reception of the Report of a committee on character, it is not competent for the Noble Grand, with the concurrence of the Lodge, to postpone the ballot, on account of a statement that the candidate is suffering from congestion of the lungs.

Page 854, 896, 897, Journal.
Con. Subs., Art. 2, Cl. 4.

A Brother while receiving **Sick** benefits, if legally elected and instructed in the Degrees when receiving benefits, would be entitled to the increased **Sick** pay pertaining to the degree to which he had attained.

Page 991, 1001, Journal.

For other matter relevant to this subject, and also for constitutional references, see **ARREARS** and **BENEFITS**.

SECRETARY.

RECORDING.

A brother having ceased membership for non-payment of dues, cannot re-instate himself by merely paying his arrears to the **Secretary**. His arrears having been so paid and received by the **Secretary**, would not give him or his widow any claim to benefits in case of his sickness or death.

Page 633, 668, 672, 681, 682, 793, Journal.

Secretaries of Subordinate Lodges are required to send to the Grand Master a duplicate of all letters sent to the Grand Secretary, enclosing funds, money orders or drafts for the Grand Lodge.

Page 233, Journal.

The **Secretaries** of Subordinate Lodges are required to forward the Credentials of Representatives elect to the R. W. Grand Secretary, at least two weeks prior to the annual meeting of this Grand Lodge.

Page 800, Journal.

A Lodge cannot declare the office of **Secretary** vacant on account of absence for two nights, and elect another to fill the vacancy, without the written resignation of the brother who filled the office; the **Secretary** must have been absent three successive meetings, and, even then, notice must be given for one week before a vote of the Lodge would be in order declaring the office vacant.

Page 539, 587, 589, 590, Journal.

Con. Subs., Art. 3, Cl. 13.

Section 1346, Digest.

SECRETARY—SPECIAL RELIEF & GRANTS. 115

In a new Lodge, any Charter Member is eligible to the office of Vice Grand, if the **Recording Secretary** declines.

Page 540, 587, 589, 590, Journal.

The office of **Permanent Secretary** cannot be dispensed with, but the same brother may perform the duties of both offices or **Secretaries**.

Page 661, 664, Journal.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

Con. G. L., Cl. 79.

Con. Subs., Art. 2, Cl. 14.

" " " 3, " 1 to 8, inclusive.

" " " 6, " 5.

" " " 7, " 1, 2.

" " " 8, " 2.

Sub. L. Rule of Order, No. 2, Cl. 3, 11.

" " " " 3.

Con. D. L., Cl. 6, 17.

SPECIAL RELIEF AND GRANTS.

It is not in accordance with law to **Vote Money** to the widows and orphans of brothers not in good standing at the time of death, without adhering to the law providing for Relief in Special Cases.

Page 671, 672, 681, 682, Journal.

Whether a vote of the Lodge is necessary in **Granting** regular benefits, (when no objection is made,) depends upon the By-Laws of the Lodge.

Page 418, 425, 426, Journal.

The **Refunding** of a portion of the Fees for Initiation and Degrees is recommended in favor of the Charter Members of new Lodges, after their organization.

Page 37, Journal, O., of 1859.

A Subordinate Lodge may make a **Special Grant** for any purpose, provided the By-Laws, in case of **Special Grants**, are adhered to.

Page 768, 789, 791, Journal.

NOTE. Section 106, (a) Digest, seems to limit this power.

In the absence of definite instructions, a Subordinate Lodge is responsible for the **Debts** or **Expenses** incurred by a Committee of its own appointment, in getting up pic-nics, excursions, &c.

• Page 660, 668, Journal.

(See also note to preceding decision.)

The granting of any amount to the Trustees of the Widow of a deceased brother, who died while in Arrears for Dues, is not granting money for "Lodge Purposes," in the true meaning of that term, and at least the same notice should be required in granting money in such a case, as is required in granting **Special Relief** to a brother in good standing, and the notice required before taking such a vote must be in accordance with the By-Laws of the Lodge.

Page 660, 668, Journal

A **Special Grant** may be made for any purpose, provided the By-Laws in reference to **Special Grants** are adhered to.

Page 768, 789, 791, Journal.

NOTE.—This decision seems to be qualified by Section 106, (a) Digest.

A brother not six months a member of a **Lodge**, would not be entitled to benefits for a sickness commencing during said six months, except under **Special Vote** of the Lodge, as provided for **Special Relief**, unless the By-Laws so provided.

Page 660, 668, Journal.
Section 290, Digest.

SUBORDINATE LODGES.

It is not competent for a **Subordinate Lodge** to elect a Degree Master, unless such an officer is required by law.

Page 856, 870, Journal.

A **Subordinate Lodge** may, if it chooses, initiate a person who can neither read or write.

Page 634, 668, 855, 870, Journal.

After a Committee has reported in favor of Expulsion, the **Lodge** must act on the report of the Committee as made, and cannot ignore the Committee and its report by appointing another Committee.

Page 538, 587, Journal.
Con. Subs., Art. 2, Cl. 4.
Section 1847, Digest.

A **Subordinate Lodge** has no right to admit a party to membership who resides in another Jurisdiction, or nearer to another **Lodge**, without the consent of the **Lodge** or **Jurisdiction** to which the party resides nearest.

Page 849, 850, 862, Journal.

A **Subordinate Lodge** cannot by vote admit a Brother who is in Arrears for Dues sufficiently to disqualify him from receiving the term P. W., except with the consent of the Noble Grand.

Page 459, 460, 507, Journal.

NOTE.—From Section 1535, Digest, it seems doubtful if the Noble Grand has the power to admit under the circumstances.

A **Subordinate Lodge** may by a two-third's vote declare a favorable ballot void, but the Noble Grand cannot do so without the vote of the **Lodge**.

Page 911, 916, Journal.
Section 131, Digest.

Subordinate Lodges may hold their meetings semi-monthly provided twenty-six nights' service is required as the term of office.

Page 18, Journal, O., 1861.
Con. Subs., Art. 4, Cl. 1.
Section 843, 844, Digest.

In the absence of definite instructions, a **Subordinate Lodge** is responsible for the debts or expenses incurred by a Committee of its own appointment, in getting up pic-nics, excursions, &c.

Page 660, 668, Journal.

NOTE.—Section 106 (a) Digest seems to limit this power of Sub. Lodges.

A **Subordinate Lodge** may make a special grant for any purpose, provided the By-Laws in case of special grants are adhered to.

Page 768, 789, 791, Journal.

NOTE.—Section 106 (a) Digest seems to limit this power.

The By-Laws of a **Lodge** are the only guide as to how long a time must elapse before a Rejected Candidate can again apply for Degrees.

Page 419, 425, 426, Journal.

Section 474, Digest.

A **Lodge** cannot declare the office of Secretary vacant on account of absence for two nights, and elect another to fill the vacancy, without the written resignation of the Brother who filled the office.

The Secretary must have been absent three successive meetings, and even then notice must have been given for one week before a vote of the **Lodge** declaring the office vacant would be in order.

Page 539, 587, 589, 590, Journal.

Con. Subs., Art. 3, Cl. 13.

Section 1346, Digest.

All business of a **Lodge** is not illegal on account of the absence of the Noble Grand and Vice Grand, the Past Grand having presided.

Page 660, 668, Journal.

Section 1008, Digest.

It is left for **Subordinate Lodges** to decide, in each particular case, by means of the ballot, whether it is advisable or expedient to admit Ancient Odd-Fellows over the age of fifty.

Page 858, 899, Journal.

It would be unconstitutional to pass a By-Law to assess every Brother of a **Lodge** one dollar upon the death of each member of a **Lodge** in good standing, (the amount to be paid to the legal representatives of the deceased), and to disqualify every member refusing or neglecting to pay the assessment for three months, from **Lodge** benefits.

Page 854, 873, Journal.

It is competent for a **Subordinate Lodge**, by a two-third vote, to reconsider a favorable ballot and order a new one, but the Noble Grand has not that right.

Page 991, 992, 1003, Journal.
Section 131, Digest.

After the reception of the Report of a Committee on Character, it is not competent for the Noble Grand, with the concurrence of the **Lodge**, to postpone the ballot, on account of a statement that the Candidate was suffering from congestion of the lungs.

Page 854, 896, 897, Journal.
Con. Subs., Art. 2, Cl. 4.

It is competent for a **Lodge** to adopt a By-Law providing a Funeral Benefit of fifty dollars.

Page 854, 873, Journal.
Con. Subs., Art. 5, Cl. 7.

Whether a vote of the **Lodge** is necessary in granting *regular* benefits (when no objection is made), depends upon the By-Laws of the **Lodge**.

Page 418, 425, 426, Journal.

It would not be advisable to provide a By-Law, enacting that members should be entitled to benefits for six months after taking Withdrawal Cards.

Page 763, 790, 791, Journal.
Section 166, 167, Digest.

A **Lodge** violates no law of the Order in **electing**, as, a Representative, a Past Grand who is absent at the time of

Election even though he has sent no excuse for absence, or expressed his willingness to accept the position.

Page 766, 780, Journal.

The question as to paying Dues in advance upon the night of Initiation, depends upon the By-Laws of a **Lodge**.

Page 992, 1002, Journal.

A **Lodge** may continue to work without adopting By-Laws.

Page 740, 789, 791, Journal.

A **Lodge** having by ballot granted a Final Card, and the Noble Grand (through misunderstanding of the Law) having declared the Card refused, the decision of the Noble Grand would not be binding on the **Lodge**, and the applicant should receive his Card.

Page 901, Journal.

A **Subordinate Lodge** cannot dispense with Fees and Dues.

Page 365, 376, Journal.
Con. Subs., Art. 4, Cl. 2, 3, 4, 5.
Section 575, Digest.

The refunding a portion of the Fees for Initiation and Degrees, is recommended in favor of the Charter Members of **New Lodges** after their organization.

Page 37, Journal, O. of 1859,

A Brother over 50 years of age, in possession of a Card cannot be admitted to Honorary Membership, but **Subordinate Lodges** may provide by By-Law for admission of Members over 50 holding Cards.

Page 740, 789, 791, Journal.
Con. G. L., Cl. 78.
Section 906, 1203, Digest.

No vote of the **Lodge** is necessary to receive a Proposition for Members.

Page 951, 1004, 1012, Journal.

The five members necessary to form a quorum in a **Subordinate Lodge**, need not all be in possession of the Scarlet Degree.

Page 854, 873, Journal.

In case of a rejection, (there being two or more **Lodges** in the same place) an application thereafter from the party rejected should not be considered by another **Lodge** in that place, without first consulting the **Lodge** where the rejection took place.

Page 419, 425, 426, Journal.

No vote of the **Lodge** is necessary to receive the Report of a Committee on Character before the ballot is taken.

Page 951, 1004, 1012, Journal.

Subordinate Lodge Seals cannot be used by the Officers except under special instructions, or in obedience to the By-Laws of the **Lodge**.

Page 7, Journal, O. of 1859.

The By-Laws of a **Lodge** are as binding on visitors as well as others so far as applicable.

Page 795, 801, Journal.

In case of a vacancy in any elective office from any cause, the Nomination, Election and Installation must be held in accordance with the Constitutional provisions for regular Elections, except that the Installation may take place upon the night of Election.

Page 855, 871, Journal.

It is imperative upon the Officers of **Subordinate Lodges** to commit to memory the Charges appertaining to their several offices as soon as practicable after their Installation.

Page 496, Journal.
Section 1938, Digest.

(See LECTURES.)

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

AS TO

POWERS, PRIVILEGES, RIGHTS AND DUTIES.

Con. G. L., Cl. 9, 10, 12, 17, 29, 39, 55, 56, 62, 70, 73, 76,
[93 to 97 inclusive.]

G. L., Order of Business, No. 16.

" Rule of Order, No. 2, Cl. 8, 9.

Con. Subs., Preamble.

" Art. 1, Cl. 1.

" " 2, " 8, 14, 15.

" " 3, " 1, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 16.

" " 4, " 1, 2, 8, 9, 10.

" " 5, " 1 to 10 inclusive.

" " 6, " 1 to 12 inclusive.

" " 8, " 1 to 5 inclusive.

Sub. Lodge Rule of Order, No. 17, 20, 21.

Con. D. L., Cl. 2, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23.

TRIALS.

On a **Trial** for fraud, a member who was absent at his **Trial**, could not be suspended for fraud; he could only be punished for contempt.

Page 672, Journal.

NOTE.—This decision is qualified by Section 388, 389, 1824, 1826, Digest.

Scarlet Degree members are eligible to serve on Committees to **Try** Past Grands.

Page 460, 507, 508, Journal.

In case a Brother obtains admission to a Lodge upon a Pass Word illegally obtained, he should, if a suspended or expelled member, be refused admission, and if not a suspended or expelled member, and still persists in entering the Lodge, charges should be preferred against him and he be placed upon **Trial**.

Page 858, 897, 898, Journal.

The proper method of dealing with members for insubordination, is to prefer charges against them and place them on **Trial**.

Page 768, 769, 789, 791, Journal.

When a District Deputy Degree Master persists in Installing an Officer protested against on account of his being in Arrears for Dues, the proper method to deal with him would be to prefer charges against him and place him on Trial.

Page 854, 873, Journal.
Section 324, Digest.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

Con. G. L., Cl. 13 to 17 inclusive.
Con. Subs., Art. 6, Cl. 7 to 12 inclusive.
Con. D. L., Cl. 12.

TERMS.

Subordinate Lodges may hold their meetings semi-monthly, provided **26 nights'** service is required as the **Term** of office.

Page 18, Journal, of 1861.
Con. Subs., Art. 4, Cl. 1.
Section 843, 844, Digest.

Service the requisite **Term** in the Noble Grand's chair, is a necessary qualification for the office of Degree Master in a regularly constituted Degree Lodge.

Page 858, Journal.
Con. D. L., Cl. 10.

Twenty-six nights' service in an appointed office qualifies a Brother for filling the office of Vice Grand.

Page 540, 587, 589, 590, Journal.
Con. Subs., Art. 3, Cl. 2.

Two months' service in an appointed office in a new Lodge qualifies a Brother for an Elective office, all regularly qualified Brothers having declined.

Page 540, 589, 591, Journal.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

Con. G. L., Cl. 28, 29.
Con. Subs., Art. 3, Cl. 2, 6, 14.
" " 4, " 1, 4, 8, 10, 11.
" " 5, " 4, 6.
Sub. L. Rule of Order, No. 6, 11, 20.
Con. D. L., Cl. 6, 17.

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TREASURER.

SUBORDINATE LODGE.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

Con. Subs., Art. 3, Cl. 1, 2.

“ “ 7, “ 1, 2.

Con. D. L., Cl. 6, 16.

VACANCIES.

A Lodge cannot declare the office of Secretary **Vacant** on account of absence for two nights, and elect another to fill the **Vacancy**, without the written resignation of the Brother who filled the office. The Secretary must have been absent four successive nights, and even then notice must have been given for one week before a vote of the Lodge would be in order declaring the office vacant.

Page 539, 587, 589, 590, Journal.

Con. Subs., Art. 3, Cl. 13.

Section 1346, Digest.

In case of a **Vacancy** in any elective office (in Sub. Lodge) from any cause, the Nomination, Election and Installation must be in accordance with the Constitutional provisions for regular Elections, except that the Installation may take place upon the night of Election.

Page 855, 871, Journal.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

Con. G. L., Cl. 24, 28, 30, 31.

Con. Subs., Art. 3, Cl. 13, 14.

VOTE.—VOTING.

The Noble Grand has only a **Casting Vote**.

Page 419, 425, 426, Journal.

It is not compulsory upon all Brothers present to **Vote**

when balloting for members, unless the By-Laws of the Lodge require it.

Page 661, 668, Journal.

NOTE.—Section 1919 (a) Digest seems to render this decision a doubtful one.

No Vote of the Lodge is necessary to receive the Report of a Committee on Character before the ballot is taken.

Page 951, 1004, 1012, Journal.

It is competent for a Subordinate Lodge by a **Two-thirds Vote** to re-consider a favorable ballot and order a new ballot, but the Noble Grand has not that power.

Page 991, 992, 1003, Journal
Section 131, Digest

No Vote of the Lodge is necessary to receive a Proposition for membership.

Page 951, 1004, 1012, Journal.

Whether a **Vote** of the Lodge is necessary in granting regular benefits (when no objection is made), depends upon the By-Laws of the Lodge.

Page 418, 425, 426, Journal.

A Subordinate Lodge cannot, by **Vote**, admit a Brother who is in Arrears for Dues sufficiently to disqualify him from receiving the term P. W., except with the consent of the Noble Grand.

Page 459, 460, 507, Journal.

NOTE.—From Section 1535, Digest, it seems doubtful if the Noble Grand has the power under the circumstances.

It is competent for a Subordinate Lodge, by a **Two-Thirds Vote**, to re-consider a favorable ballot and order a new one, but the Noble Grand has not that power.

Page 991, 1003, Journal
Section 131, Digest

A Brother not six months a member of a Lodge, would not be entitled to benefits for a sickness commencing during

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said six months, except under **Special Vote** of the Lodge as provided for special relief, unless the By-Laws so provided.

Page 660, 668, Journal.

A ballot rejecting a Candidate is not void because a member **Voted** who was in Arrears, and a re-consideration can only be had as defined by Section 128, 129, Digest, G. L., U. S.

Page 766, 784, 785, Journal.

The Noble Grand has no right in any case to give the **Casting Vote** on a ballot.

Page 634, 668, 767, 789, 791, Journal.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

Con. G. L., Cl. 29, 52, 61, 62.

G. L. Rules of Order, No. 7, 8, 9, 13, 19.

Con. Subs., Art. 2, Cl. 14.

“ “ 3, “ 8, 13.

“ “ 6, “ 3.

Sub. L. Rules of Order, No. 6, 10, 15, 17, 20.

VISITING.—VISITORS.

The By-Laws of a Lodge are as binding on **Visitors** as others so far as applicable.

Page 795, 801, Journal.

Visitors are in no way exempted from the usual formalities and obedience required from other members.

Page 768, 769, 790, 791, Journal.

Visitors belonging to the Encampment are permitted to wear Encampment Regalia in a Subordinate Lodge.

Page 774, 790, 791, Journal.

Con. Subs., Art. 7, Cl. 5, 6.

Section 1651, 1654, 1655, Digest.

The District Deputy Grand Master cannot by virtue of that office introduce **Visitors** without the usual formalities;

that privilege can only be exercised by Elective Grand Officers, Grand Representatives included.

Page 740, 789, 791, Journal.
Section 1280, 1292, Digest.

No matter how well versed in the Order or how far advanced, members cannot **Visit** in other Jurisdictions or Lodges without the usual Credentials, unless introduced by an Elective Grand Officer or a Grand Representative of the Jurisdiction in which they desire to **Visit**.

Page 278, 294, 295, Journal.
Section 1280, 1292, Digest.

A **Visiting** Past Grand may deliver the Past Grand's charge when invited to do so by the Noble Grand.

Page 539, 587, 589, 590, Journal.
Section 925, Digest.

A **Visiting** Past Grand may install the Officers elect in the absence of a Grand Officer and all Past Grands of the Lodge, when called upon to do so by the Noble Grand.

Page 539, 587, 589, 590, Journal.
Section 937, 939, Digest.

A Brother cannot **Visit** on the A. T. P. W. alone, he must also have a Card in force.

Page 855, 901, Journal.
Section 1853, 1868, 1875, 1876, Digest.

A **Visiting** Card, in force, is of no use for **Visiting** purposes unless the holder of the Card is also in possession of the A. T. P. W.

Page 740, 789, 791, Journal.
Section 257, 1853, Digest.

Without the term P. W., a Noble Grand cannot admit a **Visitor** from another Lodge, unless he presents an order for the same or is in possession of a Card in force and the A. T. P. W.

Page 855, 901, Journal.
Section 1857, Digest.

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A District Deputy Grand Master has no right to declare an Installation illegal because it was performed by a **Visiting Past Grand**.

Page 539, 587, 589, 590, Journal.
Section 937, 939, Digest.

Grand Officers, including Grand Representatives, are permitted to introduce **Visitors** without the usual formalities.

Page 740, 789, 791, Journal.
Section 1280, 1292, Digest.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

Con. G. L., Cl. 29, 37.

G. L. Rule of Order, No 21.

Con. Subs., Art. 4, Cl. 4.

Sub. L. Rule of Order, No. 2, Cl. 4.

“ “ “ No. 18.

VICE GRAND.

Twenty-six nights' service in an appointed office, qualifies a brother for filling the office of **Vice Grand**.

Page 540, 587, 589, 590, Journal.
Con. Subs., Art. 3, Cl. 2.

All business of a Lodge is not illegal on account of the absence of the Noble Grand and **Vice Grand**, the Past Grand having presided.

Page 660, 668, Journal.
Section 1008, Digest.

In a new Lodge, any Charter Member is eligible for the office of **Vice Grand**, the Recording Secretary having declined.

Page 540, 587, 589, 590, Journal.

The **Vice Grand's** Pass Word of the night should re-admit a brother to the Lodge upon the same evening it is obtained.

Page 248, 260, 261, Journal.
Section 1881, (a,) Digest.

VICE GRAND—WIDOWS AND ORPHANS. 129

The Noble Grand has the appointing of all Appointed Officers, except the Supporters of the **Vice Grand**, it being understood that all appointments are with the approval of the Lodge.

Page 634, 668, Journal.
Con. Subs., Art. 3, Cl. 10.
Section 1368, Digest.

A **Vice Grand** does not forfeit his office because he was elected and installed while in arrears.

Page 875, 898, Journal.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

Con. G. L., Cl. 74.
Con. Subs., Art. 2, Cl. 3.
" " " 3, " 1, 2, 10.
" " " 7, " 1, 2.
Con. D. L., Cl. 15.

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS.

Clause 96, of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, defines the provision made for the disposition of the effects of Subordinate Lodges, (which have been surrendered to the Grand Lodge) in favor of the **Widows and Orphans** of such Lodges.

Page 863, 903, Journal.

A **Widow** in receipt of Benefits would not forfeit them by removing from the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Page 686, 687, Journal.
Section 187, Digest.

It is not in accordance with law to vote money to the **Widows** of brothers not in good standing at the time of death, without adhering to the law providing for Relief in Special Cases.

Page 672, 681, 682, Journal.

130 WIDOWS AND ORPHANS—WITHDRAWAL

A **Widow** would not be entitled to benefits whose husband paid his arrears during his last illness.

Page 369, Journal.
Section 118, 169, 170, Digest.

A brother having ceased membership for non-payment of dues, cannot re-instate himself by merely paying his arrears to the Secretary, and his arrears having been so paid and received by the Secretary, would not give him, or his **Widow**, any claim to benefits in case of his sickness or death.

Page 633, 668, 672, 681, 682, 793, Journal.

The granting of any amount to the Trustees of the **Widow** of a deceased brother, who died while in arrears for dues, is not granting money for "Lodge Purposes," in the true meaning of that term, and at least the same notice should be required in granting money in such a case as is required in granting Special Relief to a brother in good standing, and the notice required before taking such a vote, must be in accordance with the By-Laws of the Lodge.

Page 660, 668, Journal.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

Con. G. L., Cl. 96.

Con. Subs., Art. 5, Cl. 1, 4, 5, 10.

WITHDRAWAL.

Upon the Re-instatement of an Ancient Odd-Fellow, who has been proposed and balloted for, he cannot claim the right to **Withdraw** his card deposited.

Page 857, 901, Journal.

A member of an extinct Lodge, who did not regularly **Withdraw**, can be re-instated to membership in the Order

only upon a card from the Grand Lodge under which the defunct Lodge was working.

Page 365, 376, Journal.
Con. Subs., Art. 6, Cl. 6.
Section 418, 1169, Digest.

The proposer of a candidate for membership cannot **Withdraw** a Proposition after the Committee have reported unfavorably.

Page 856, 873, Journal.
Section 918, Digest.

Withdrawal Cards must be granted by ballot.

Page 633, 668, Journal.
Section 244, 1043, Digest.

When the holder of a **Withdrawal Card** has deposited it, and thereby become a member of another Lodge, the Lodge granting the card has no power to annul it.

Page 634, 668, Journal.
Section 285, Digest.

It is not necessary that a brother should be a resident of a place six months before he can re-unite with the Lodge from which he took his **Withdrawal Card**.

Page 795, 801, Journal.
Section 1128, Digest.

A Lodge having by ballot granted a **Withdrawal Card**, and the Noble Grand (through misunderstanding of the Law) having declared the Card refused, the decision of the Noble Grand would not be binding on the Lodge, and the Brother should receive his Card.

Page 901, Journal.

It would not be advisable to enact a By-Law providing that Brothers should be entitled to benefits for six months after taking **Withdrawal Cards**.

Page 769, 790, 791, Journal.
Section 166, 167, Digest.

A Brother taking a **Withdrawal Card** is also entitled to the A. T. P. W.

Page 855, 871, Journal.
Section 261, Digest.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

Con. G. L., Cl. 21, 69.
Con. Subs., Art. 2, Cl. 14, 15.
" " 3, " 8.

WARDEN.

The **Warden** is entitled to receive from every member, at the examination on opening a Lodge, both the term P. W. and the Explanation of the same.

Page 460, 507, 508, Journal.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES.

Con. Subs., Art. 3, Cl. 9, 10, 11.
" " 7, " 1, 2.
Con. D. L., Cl. 9, 16.

YEAS AND NAYS.

Con. G. L., Cl. 61.
G. L. Rules of Order, No. 12.
Sub. L. Rules of Order, No. 9.

I. O. O. F.

THE CONSTITUTION AND RULES OF ORDER

OF THE

R. W. GRAND LODGE OF ONTARIO,

A CONSTITUTION, ETC., FOR SUBORDINATE LODGES, AND CONSTITUTION AND
GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR THE FORMATION AND GOVERNMENT OF
DEGREE LODGES, WITH ALL AMENDMENTS UP TO AND INCLUD-
ING THOSE MADE AT STRATFORD SESSION,
1873.

I. O. O. F.

Constitution of the R. M. Grand Lodge of Ontario.

PREAMBLE.

WHEREAS, it has been found expedient, and of the utmost importance to the well being of all organized Institutions, to govern the same by sound and uniform laws and regulations :

THEREFORE, THE GRAND LODGE OF ONTARIO, OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD-FELLOWS, with the view of ensuring a co-operation and uniformity of action, of providing for the best interests of the Order, and of securing more effectually the permanence of the blessings to be derived from the right exercise of those ennobling and Heaven-born principles of *Friendship, Love and Truth*, on which it is founded, doth ordain, declare and establish the following Articles as the CONSTITUTION for the government thereof :

TITLE.

1.—This Grand Lodge shall be known and hailed by the name, style and title of the "RIGHT WORTHY GRAND LODGE OF ONTARIO, OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD-FELLOWS."

POWERS.

2.—This Grand Lodge shall have jurisdiction in Odd-Fellowship, within that Section of the Dominion of Canada called and known as Ontario, being the Superior Tribunal of all Subordinate Lodges within its jurisdiction.

3.—No Lodge can be formed, or continue to exist, within its jurisdiction, without the express sanction of this Grand Lodge.

4.—It possesses within its jurisdiction the right and power of granting, suspending or annulling Charters for proper

cause; of receiving, hearing and determining appeals from the decisions of Subordinate Lodges, and of redressing all grievances arising therein; of regulating the means of its own support, and of performing all such other acts and things as shall have for their object the promotion of the true and best interests of the Order, or shall appertain to it by ancient usage or custom, and are not in violation of the laws of the land or the regulations of the Order.

MEMBERSHIP.

5.—This Grand Lodge shall be composed of all duly qualified Past Grands within its jurisdiction, who shall be entitled to all the privileges pertaining to their rank, as prescribed by the Usages and Laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States; but for Legislative purposes it shall be purely a representative body.

6.—Any Past Grand, on presenting a Certificate of his official services, and after satisfactory examination in the Degrees pertaining thereto, shall be entitled to receive the Grand Lodge Degree.

7.—No Past Grand shall be admitted as a Representative in this Grand Lodge unless duly certified as having been elected thereto; nor until he has been instructed in the Grand Lodge Degree, and has signed a promise faithfully to support, maintain and abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of this Grand Lodge.

8.—Every Past Grand Master, in good standing in a Subordinate Lodge, under this jurisdiction, and all elective officers in this Grand Lodge, shall have the right of debating and making motions.

ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES.

9.—Every Lodge within the jurisdiction shall, at its first meeting in the month of July, annually, elect by ballot from amongst its Past Grands in good standing, a Representative or Representatives, as follows, that is to say: One Representative where the number of members in good standing, returned in the next preceding semi-annual report, shall be 100 or less; over 100 and under 200, two Representatives; over 200, three Representatives.

10.—Any Lodge not having a properly qualified P. G., may choose one so qualified from any other Lodge within the jurisdiction, to represent it in this Grand Lodge for the like period.

11.—In all ballotings, only one name shall be written upon any ballot.

12.—The resignation by any member of his office as Representative, must be addressed in writing to the N. G. of his Lodge, which shall proceed at its first opportunity to consider the same, and either accept or refuse the resignation, as may seem expedient; and if such resignation be accepted, the Lodge may at once proceed to elect another qualified member to fill the vacancy.

TRIAL OF MEMBERS.

13.—Whenever charges affecting the character or standing of any member shall be submitted to the Grand Lodge in writing, by one or more members thereof, the same shall be immediately referred to a Committee of five members, to be elected by ballot, who shall, with as little delay as possible, examine carefully into the charges, and report the result of such examination to this Grand Lodge.

14.—Should the Committee report such charges unfounded, or as not having been proved, such report shall be accepted as final, and the charge dismissed.

15.—Should the Committee report the charges as proved, in whole or in part, the Grand Lodge, after having heard the member thus charged, in his defence, shall proceed to determine the case, by the acquittal, reprimand, suspension from his seat in the Grand Lodge, or expulsion therefrom of the implicated member, as the Grand Lodge may deem fit and proper.

16.—In case the Committee shall find the charges proven, in whole or in part, against an Elective Officer (the Grand Lodge not being in session), they shall communicate the fact to the other Elective Officers; should such officers deem it advisable, they shall convene a Special Meeting of this Grand Lodge for the purpose of proceeding as provided in Clause 15.

17.—Whenever any member shall be suspended or expelled, intimation of the same shall be forthwith given to the N. G. of his Lodge, and the Grand Lodge may require that he be tried by the Subordinate Lodge to which he belongs.

OFFICERS.

ELECTIVE OFFICERS.

18.—The Elective Officers of this Grand Lodge shall be :
The Most Worthy Grand Master.

“ Right Worthy Deputy Grand Master.

“ “ “ Grand Warden.

“ “ “ Grand Secretary.

“ “ “ Grand Treasurer.

“ “ “ Grand Representatives.

To be elected by ballot.

19.—These Elective Officers shall be elected by ballot, after previous nomination, such nomination and election to take place at the annual Session of the Grand Lodge, and on the second day of the Session, at 4 o'clock, p. m.

20.—At each election the Presiding Officer shall appoint two of the members present, as Tellers, who shall *preside* at the ballot box, and *allow* each member as his *Lodge* is called by the Grand Secretary, to *deposit his ballot*, and, *when the balloting is completed*, shall examine the same and report the result.

21.—Each Elective Officer, the Grand Representatives excepted, shall be chosen separately, by a majority of the votes given. Should there be no choice of such officer at any ballot, a new ballot shall forthwith take place among the members present; and after each ballot the name of the Candidate who shall have received the smallest number of votes shall be withdrawn.

22.—The Elective Grand Officers, except the Grand Representatives, shall be installed, according to the Grand Lodge Order of Business, unless otherwise ordered by the Grand Lodge, and shall serve until the next Annual Session, and until the installation of their successors.

23.—The sitting Grand Master, or any P. G. Master, or

the highest Officer present, shall install the Grand Master elect, who shall thereafter install the other Officers.

24.—Should any officer elect fail to present himself for installation at the time duly appointed for that ceremony, his office shall be declared vacant, unless sufficient cause be shown for such non-attendance, and the members present shall forthwith proceed to fill the same by a new election, the successful candidate at which shall be immediately installed; should sufficient cause be shown, as aforesaid, the installation of the officer elect, so absent, may take place at such time and in such manner as the Grand Lodge may then specially direct.

25.—The Grand Representative, or Representatives, to represent this Grand Lodge in the Grand Lodge of the United States, to be elected in accordance with the Constitution and Laws of the said Grand Lodge of the United States.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

26.—The Appointed Officers of the Grand Lodge shall be :

The Worthy Grand Marshall.
“ “ “ Conductor.
“ “ “ Guardian.
“ “ “ Chaplain.

To be appointed by the Grand Master immediately after his installation, subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge.

27.—The Grand Master shall, as soon after his installation as may be, nominate, subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge, a Right Worthy Grand District Deputy, for each District under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and within which one or more Subordinate Lodges may be in operation.

28.—Should a vacancy occur in the office of Grand Representative, R. W. Grand Warden, R. W. Grand Secretary, or R. W. Grand Treasurer, by death, resignation or otherwise, during the recess of this Grand Lodge, such vacancy shall be filled by a person to be chosen by a majority of the remaining Elective Officers, provided always that the person so chosen shall serve only until the next Annual Session of this

Grand Lodge, when, in the event of term of the vacant office being still unexpired, the Representatives present shall elect by ballot a person to serve for the remainder of such unexpired term.

DUTIES AND POWERS.

29.—The M. W. Grand Master shall preside at all meetings of the Grand Lodge, when present; he shall preserve order and decorum therein, and decide all questions of order, subject, however, to an appeal to the Grand Lodge; he shall have the casting vote upon all occasions when the Grand Lodge is equally divided, except in the election of officers; he shall appoint *pro tem.*, in the absence of the regular incumbents, all officers whose appointment is not otherwise provided for by the Grand Lodge; sign all requisite orders on the Grand Treasurer, and all regular documents requiring his signature, and transmit, or cause to be transmitted, regularly, previous to the commencement of each term, to each Subordinate Lodge, within this jurisdiction, the Pass-Word received from the Grand Lodge of the United States; he shall, *ex-officio*, be a member of all Committees of this Grand Lodge, whose meetings he may choose to attend; he shall have power in the absence of the Deputy Grand Master, and Grand District Deputy, to appoint a qualified P. G., to open newly chartered Lodges, install their officers, and present their Charters; and he shall, in person, or by Deputy, visit and inspect the books, proceedings, and work of each Subordinate Lodge within this jurisdiction, once in each year, or oftener if he may deem it necessary in the furtherance of their interests; the necessary expenses incurred in making such visit to be defrayed by the Grand Lodge.

30.—The R. W. Deputy Grand Master shall act as the Assistant of the Grand Master, and during the absence of that officer shall be invested with all his powers. In the event of the death, resignation, or removal from office of the Grand Master, he shall, *ex-officio*, become Grand Master, until the next regular Session thereafter, and shall receive the Honors of the office.

31.—The R. W. Grand Warden shall preside in the absence of the Deputy Grand Master; he shall assist the Grand Master in the ceremonies of the Order, and in the preservation of decorum in the Grand Lodge he shall confer the

Grand Lodge Degree on all Past Grands qualified to receive it; and shall, subject to the Grand Master, have charge of the Lodge Room during all meetings of the Grand Lodge. And in the event of a vacancy in the office of R. W. D. Grand Master, he shall, *ex-officio*, become Deputy Grand Master until the first regular Session thereafter.

32.—The Duty of the R. W. Grand Secretary shall be to attend, in person, every meeting of the Grand Lodge, and when absent shall transmit the books and records thereof; he shall keep a just and true record of all proceedings, and intimate to each Subordinate Lodge such portion thereof as may affect it; he shall also keep a just and true account between each Subordinate Lodge and the Grand Lodge, and also of the affairs of this Grand Lodge; he shall preserve all books and file all documents belonging to his office; attest all orders drawn on the Grand Treasurer, pay over to him forthwith all moneys coming into his hands on account of this Grand Lodge; receive all documents relative to the Grand Lodge, and submit the same to the Grand Master, at the Grand Lodge, if in Session; conduct all correspondence on behalf of the Grand Lodge; furnish all Committees with such official documents as may be necessary for their reference; transmit to the Grand Lodge of the United States a regular report of the Order, made up to the 30th day of June in each year; notify all Subordinate Lodges of each regular Session of this Grand Lodge, at least two weeks previous to its commencement; prepare all Charters granted by the Grand Lodge; affix the Grand Seal to such Charters, and to all other documents requiring it; perform all the duties of the Grand Treasurer in his absence; and attend to all other business not herein enumerated, and coming properly within his duty. He shall have his books properly closed by the first day of August in each year, and shall have a sufficient number of his Financial Statement and Statistical Table printed for the use of each Officer and Representative of the Grand Lodge; and shall receive such salary as may be fixed upon at each Annual Session.

33.—The R. W. Grand Treasurer shall receive and take charge of the moneys of this Lodge, depositing the same in some Chartered Banking Institution of this Province, to be named by the Grand Lodge, within three days at furthest, after receipt thereof, unless otherwise directed by this Grand Lodge; he shall pay all orders drawn on him by the Grand

Master, and countersigned by the Grand Secretary, and none other; he shall keep his accounts in a fair, clear, and legible manner, exhibiting, in as far as possible, the sources of all receipts, and the destination of all disbursements, with the amount of both; he shall have his accounts closed immediately before every regular Session, and submit them thereat to this Grand Lodge, and shall execute, in favor of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Warden, in trust a satisfactory Bond for the due and faithful performance of his duties.

34.—The R. W. Grand Representatives shall attend the meetings of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and act thereat on behalf of the various Lodges within this jurisdiction; they shall be furnished with certificates of election in the form required by the Grand Lodge of the United States. They shall also attend the meetings of this Grand Lodge, and submit a synopsis of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the United States at the Sessions thereof, attended by them.

35.—The R. W. Grand Chaplain shall, when present, open and close every meeting of this Grand Lodge with prayer.

36.—The R. W. Grand Marshal shall examine Past Grands applying for the Grand Lodge Degree, and shall otherwise assist the Grand Master in the ceremonies of the Grand Lodge, according to his office.

37.—The R. W. Grand Conductor shall assist the Grand Marshal in the ceremonies of the Grand Lodge; he shall securely guard the outer door of the Lodge Room; he shall permit no one to enter without examination and receiving from him the semi-annual P. W.; he shall receive the Cards of Travelling Brothers desiring to visit this Grand Lodge, and deliver the same to the Grand Guardian to be laid before the Grand Lodge.

38.—The R. W. Grand Guardian shall have the charge of the inner entrance of the Grand Lodge Room, and permit none to enter or depart without the usual formalities.

39.—Each R. W. Grand District Deputy shall act as the organ of the Grand Master, with the Subordinate Lodge or

Lodges situated within the District over which he may be appointed; it shall be his duty to see that the work of the Order is performed therein uniformly and correctly, and to install the Officers of such Lodge or Lodges, or cause the same to be done by a competent Officer; he shall be entrusted with the charge of, and shall countersign and issue all Dispensations granted to any Lodge in his District; he shall report to the Grand Master, at least two weeks previous to each regular Session, such Dispensations as may have passed through his hands, together with all other matters coming within his sphere of duty; and he shall remit to the Grand Secretary all Dues, Dispensations, Charges, and other Funds, which may have been received by him on account of this Grand Lodge, as soon after receipt of the same as may be.

COMMITTEES.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

40.—The Elective Grand Officers shall constitute an Advisory Board, who shall meet on the summons of the Grand Master, the duty of which shall be to render assistance and advice to the Grand Master, on such matters as he shall deem it necessary in the discharge of his official duties, to introduce and submit to its notice and consideration, during the recess of the Grand Lodge.

41.—The following Standing Committees shall be appointed by the Grand Master at the opening of each Annual Session, to serve until their successors shall be appointed, unless sooner discharged by vote of the Grand Lodge:

Committee on Credentials;

- " " Returns;
- " " Finance;
- " " Laws of Subordinates;
- " " Appeals;
- " " Printing;
- " " Legislation;
- " " State of the Order;
- " " Mileage and Per Diem;
- " " Petitions and Correspondence.

42.—The Committee on Credentials shall be composed of

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three members, of whom the Grand Secretary shall be one, who shall report to this Grand Lodge, without delay, on the qualification of Brothers claiming admission as Representatives, and on the validity of their credentials.

43.—The Committee on Returns shall consist of three members, and shall examine and report to this Grand Lodge, without delay, on the regularity of the Returns of Subordinate Lodges.

44.—The Committee on Finance shall consist of three members, whose duty it shall be to examine all accounts and claims against this Grand Lodge, previous to their being ordered for payment; to examine, at each regular Session, all financial books and accounts of this Grand Lodge, and report thereon; and to suggest such measures of finance as they may find to be expedient and necessary.

45.—The Committee on Appeals shall be composed of five members, of whom three shall form a quorum, to whom shall be referred all Appeals and Grievances from Subordinate Lodges, or from members thereof, (unless in the case of charges against members of this Grand Lodge), on which they shall report without delay, recommending such action in the case as they may consider necessary; provided always that no member of this Committee shall act as such, on any Appeal to which he himself may be a party.

46.—The Committee on Laws of Subordinate Lodges shall consist of five members, to whom shall be referred all By-Laws of Subordinate Lodges, sent in for approval, on which they shall report at the earliest opportunity, pointing out all regulations therein (if any), which may violate or conflict with the Laws and Usages of the Order, and generally, as to all such matters relative thereto, as they may deem expedient.

47.—The Committee on Printing shall consist of three members, of whom the Grand Secretary shall be one, to whom shall be referred all matters relative to the printing required by this Grand Lodge, and the necessary correction and condensing of material for the Journal of Proceedings of this Grand Lodge, previous to publication.

48.—The Committee on Legislation shall consist of three members, to whom shall be referred all questions pertaining to the making or amending of Laws.

49.—The Committee on the State of the Order shall consist of three members, to whom shall be referred the decisions of the M. W. Grand Master during the recess, all questions relating to interpretation of the Laws and usages of the Order in this Province, and all matters concerning the condition and prospects of the Order.

50.—The Committee on Mileage and Per Diem shall consist of three members, whose duty it shall be to arrange a table of the mileage and per diem of the Officers and Representatives of this Grand Lodge in accordance with such resolutions as may be adopted from time to time, fixing the rate of such Mileage and Per Diem.

51.—The Committee on Petitions and Correspondence shall consist of three members, to whom shall be referred all Petitions and Correspondence.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

52.—All Special Committees shall be named by the Grand Master, unless provided for by special vote, and shall report at the next meeting following their appointment, unless otherwise ordered by this Grand Lodge.

53.—The Reports of all Committees must be made in writing.

SESSIONS.

54.—The Grand Lodge shall meet annually on the first Wednesday in August in each year, at such place as may be appointed at the preceding Session thereof.

55.—The Grand Master shall have the power to convene special meetings of the Grand Lodge, whenever and wherever, in his judgment, it would be for the true interests and benefit of the Grand Lodge and Old Fellowship generally within its jurisdiction, and the importance of the subject matters for

consideration is such as to justify the expense necessarily involved in such meetings; provided always, that three weeks' notice shall be given to each Subordinate Lodge of the time and object of such meeting.

56.—At the Annual Session, the Returns and Reports of the several Subordinate Lodges, as required by the Constitution, shall be presented; the newly elected Representatives shall be admitted to their seats; the Grand Officers shall be elected and installed; and all manner of business, within the powers and jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, shall be transacted in due form.

57.—At any Special Meeting of the Grand Lodge, no business shall be transacted other than that for which the meeting was called.

58.—At all Regular and Special Meetings, the Grand Lodge may adjourn from time to time as may be found expedient.

59.—To constitute a Regular Special Meeting of this Grand Lodge, there must be a majority of the Representatives of all the Lodges within the jurisdiction present.

WORKING.

60.—All the business of this Grand Lodge during its Session shall be transacted in the Grand Lodge Degree.

61.—All the Representatives present shall vote upon, and a majority thereof shall decide all questions before the Grand Lodge, unless otherwise provided by law, and the Yeas and Nays, if called for and seconded, shall be regularly recorded on the minutes.

62.—No Representative shall be entitled to a vote in this Grand Lodge while any semi-annual Report, percentage, or account is due this Grand Lodge by the Lodge he represents.

RETURNS.

63.—This Grand Lodge shall transmit to the Grand Lodge of the United States, at least twenty days prior to the Annual Meeting of the latter, a Return up to the 30th June then last past, containing full information as to the work of the Lodges

under its jurisdiction, for the then preceding year, their present state, prospects, and all such other particulars as may be required by the Form of Annual Return which the Grand Lodge of the United States may from time to time prescribe.

64.—Such Returns shall be accompanied by the amount of dues accruing to the Grand Lodge of the United States.

REGALIA, JEWELS, ETC.

REGALIA.

65.—Past Grands shall wear scarlet collars or sashes, trimmed with white. The collars or sashes may be trimmed with silver lace or fringe; those having attained the Royal Purple Degree may have trimmings of yellow metal.

66.—The Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers of Grand Lodges, shall wear the regalia of Past Grands as above defined. The Regalia for a Past Grand, who is also a Past Chief Patriarch, may, in lieu of any other regalia to which he may be entitled, be a scarlet collar, trimmed with white, the collar not to be more than five and a-half inches wide, with a roll of purple two inches wide, trimmed with yellow, the collar to be united in front with three links. The above described regalia may be worn by a brother, who has passed the chairs in a Lodge or in an Encampment, in any Grand or Subordinate Lodge, or any Grand or Subordinate Encampment. The collar may be of scarlet velvet, with white metal trimmings and the roll of purple velvet with yellow metal trimmings.

JEWELS.

67.—The Jewel for a Past Grand Master is a sun, with a hand and heart; for a Grand Master, a sun, with the scales of justice impressed thereon; for a Deputy Grand Master, a half-moon; for a Grand Warden, crossed gavels; for a Grand Conductor, a Roman sword; for a Grand Guardian, crossed swords; for a Grand Marshal, a baton; all of white metal.

68.—The jewel of a Grand Representative or Past Grand Representative, is a medal three inches in diameter, having on one side the coat of arms of his State, surrounded by an ornamental edging of silver. (*For Regalia of Subordinates, see Constitution of Subordinates.*)

SUBORDINATE LODGES.

INSTITUTION.

69.—Brothers desirous of establishing a new Lodge under this jurisdiction shall transmit to this Grand Lodge a written application to that effect, accompanied by their Cards of Clearance, or the Certificate of the Grand District Deputy of the District, that the same are in his possession, and by Certificates of their having attained the Scarlet Degree.

70.—Such application must be signed in every instance by at least five brothers of the Scarlet Degree, and be accompanied by the sum of thirty dollars, being the Charter Fee. Should one Lodge, or more, be already established in the proposed location, the signatures of at least ten brothers, qualified as above, shall be requisite.

71.—On receipt of a formal application for a Charter, as above required, the Grand Master may issue a warrant for the immediate institution of the Lodge petitioned for.

72.—Every application for the establishment of a Lodge shall, as soon as possible, be submitted to the Grand Master, who shall report the same at the next meeting of the Grand Lodge.

73.—The necessary Charges and Lectures shall be furnished by this Grand Lodge to every new Lodge on its institution, to be paid for at such rates as may be charged by the Grand Lodge of the United States. The travelling expenses of the Instituting Officer shall also be payable by the Lodge instituted.

74.—The first Noble Grand of a new Lodge shall be entitled to the Past Vice-Grand and Past Secretary's Degree, and the first V. G. shall be entitled to the Past Secretary's Degree, in addition to the Degrees acquired by actual service.

GOVERNMENT.

75.—This Grand Lodge shall stand invested with full power, and it shall be its duty to issue, for the government of its Subordinate Lodges, a Form of Constitution and Rules of Order. Provided always, however, that copies of the Form of Constitution so to be issued, and of all resolutions enacting, amending, or repealing the same or any part or clauses thereof, shall be immediately forwarded, in duplicate, to the Grand Lodge of the United States, authenticated by the Seal of this Grand Lodge, and the signature of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary; one of such duplicate copies to be returned to this Grand Lodge, certified or approved or otherwise, as the case may be.

76.—Every Subordinate Lodge under this jurisdiction, must adhere strictly to its Constitution and Rules of Order, as issued by the Grand Lodge; and also to the By-Laws framed by the Lodge in accordance therewith, and confirmed by this Grand Lodge, and shall, in all cases, yield implicit obedience to the further regulations that may from time to time be promulgated by this Grand Lodge.

77.—No Public Celebration of any kind, shall be held by Lodges under this jurisdiction, nor any controversy entered into relating to the Order through the public prints, without the express permission of the Grand Master, or in his absence, by the Deputy Grand Master.

78.—No person shall be admitted to Honorary Membership in any Subordinate Lodge, nor hold membership in more than one Subordinate Lodge at the same time.

79.—No communication from a Subordinate Lodge shall be recognized as official, unless attested by its Secretary, and having its Seal affixed, of which seal an impression in lead shall be furnished to this Grand Lodge, as soon as may be.

80.—This Grand Lodge shall divide the Province of Ontario under its jurisdiction, into Districts, making such arrangements thereof from time to time, as circumstances may suggest and require, and as shall seem most fit and expedient.

81.—The Grand Lodge, or in its recess, the Grand Master thereof, shall have power to issue Dispensations, countersigned by the Grand Secretary, to any Lodge under its jurisdiction, to exempt it, in any particular case, from the operation of any of the various regulations, other than financial, by which it is governed, or to enable it to proceed in any matter with other than the usual and prescribed formalities, whenever the Grand Lodge or Grand Master may deem it for the interest and welfare of the Order so to do.

FORFEITURE OF CHARTER.

82.—Any Subordinate Lodge failing to make the Returns and pay the Dues required by its Constitution, for twelve months, shall become liable to the forfeiture of its Charter, which may thereupon be recalled by the Grand Master, or by vote of the Grand Lodge at any regular session.

83.—In the event of any Lodge failing to meet for three consecutive months, it shall thereby become extinct; and it shall be the duty of the officers last installed to transmit to this Grand Lodge, the Charter, Books, Funds, and other property of said Lodge.

84.—Members of extinct Lodges, who were clear of the Books of such Lodge, at the time of its dissolution, or who shall have paid to this Grand Lodge all arrears then due, may, upon application to the Grand Secretary, receive a Card or Clearance under the Seal of this Grand Lodge,

which shall have all the force of a Card of Clearance regularly granted. Provided always that the Grand Master and Grand Secretary shall be satisfied that the applicant was not implicated in the breaking up of the Lodge, or in the illegal distribution or use of the funds of the same.

FUNDS.

RECEIPTS.

85.—This Grand Lodge shall be entitled to receive from each Subordinate Lodge the sum of fifty cents a year, payable half yearly, for each unsuspended member on its books, as shown by its Semi-Annual Return.

86.—In case of failure or deficiency in the funds of this Grand Lodge, the sum may be supplied by an assessment upon the Lodges under its jurisdiction, apportioned according to the number of members in good standing in each Lodge, according to its last semi-annual Report.

EXPENDITURE.

87.—All claims against this Grand Lodge shall be first placed in the hands of the Grand Secretary, and be by him submitted to the Finance Committee, who shall examine and report on the correctness of the same.

88.—Claims reported correct shall be submitted to this Grand Lodge, at a regular session, and if then approved, the Grand Master shall issue his warrant for the payment of the same, on the Grand Treasurer, which shall be attested by the Grand Secretary, and shall be duly entered in the books of the Grand Lodge by the Grand Treasurer.

89.—In cases of urgency, during the recess of this Grand Lodge, the Grand Master may, in his discretion, issue such warrant, making report thereof to the Grand Lodge at its next regular session.

BY-LAWS, ETC.

BY-LAWS.

90.—This Grand Lodge shall stand fully invested with the power to adopt, from time to time, such By-Laws and Resolutions as it may deem expedient; provided they do not in any wise contravene any part of this Constitution, or of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States, or the general laws, principles or customs of the Order.

91.—Copies of such By-Laws shall be immediately forwarded, in duplicate, to the Grand Lodge of the United States, authenticated by the Seal of this Grand Lodge, and the signatures of its Grand Master and Grand Secretary, one of such duplicate copies to be retained by the Grand Lodge of the United States, and the other to be returned to this Grand Lodge, certified as approved, or otherwise, as the case may be.

92.—All By-Laws and Resolutions of this Grand Lodge shall be provisionally in force from the time of their enactment; but any portion thereof not conforming to Clause 90 may be annulled by the Grand Lodge of the United States, and such annulment may also have retro-active effect.

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AMENDMENTS.

93.—This Constitution or any part thereof, shall not be altered, amended, suspended or annulled, unless by action of this Grand Lodge, at its Annual Communication, and upon notice being given by the Grand Secretary, three months previous thereto, to each of the Subordinate Lodges, of the proposed alteration; except in a case where a Committee has been regularly appointed to report alterations of any kind, in which case it shall be lawful to take immediate action upon the changes proposed by said Committee.

94.—The funds and properties of Subordinate Lodges are by the provisions of their Charters and the Laws of the Order, held only in trust for charitable purposes, and must be applied solely to these purposes, and the donating or in any manner dividing them among the members individually is a violation of the trust and the law, the penalty of which is expulsion. And if a Subordinate Lodge shall fail from any cause to work, all moneys and properties, together with the Charter, shall be surrendered to the Grand Lodge to be held in trust and applied as hereinafter provided.

95.—Upon the suspension or expulsion of a Lodge, or surrender, or forfeiture of its Charter, it shall be the duty of its last installed Officers and Members having the custody of the Charter, books, papers, properties and funds of the Lodge to assign, transfer, and deliver the same on demand to the Grand Master, or the D. D. Grand Master of the District, or to such Past Grand as may be specially deputed by the Grand Master or Grand Lodge to receive the same, and the same shall be held subject to the order of the Grand Lodge. Any Officer or Member having such properties in custody, refusing such demand, shall be forever excluded from membership or fellowship in the Order, notwithstanding such Lodge should afterwards be restored to good standing.

96.—All effects or funds received by the Grand Lodge from any Subordinate or Degree Lodge under Clauses 94 and 95, shall be kept separate and apart from the property and funds of the Grand Lodge, and such funds shall not be estimated as part of the funds of the Grand Lodge, but shall be held in trust; first for the benefit of any Brother and Widow or Orphans entitled to benefits in accordance with the By-Laws of such Lodge at the time of the dissolution or suspension of

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the same, and the balance, if any, to be restored should such Subordinate Lodge ever be re-instated, or upon the expiration of the period of its suspension; provided, however, that in the event said Lodge should not be restored to fellowship within three years, the funds and properties of said Lodge shall be disposed of or used under the direction of the Grand Lodge in aiding or assisting any working Lodge or proposed Lodge needing assistance, or to such other charitable purpose as in the judgment of the Grand Lodge may be deemed advisable.

97.—Upon the application of five or more members of an extinct Lodge, to the Grand Lodge for the restoration of such Lodge to fellowship, such applicants as the Grand Lodge may approve, may be restored to fellowship in said Lodge, together with the Charter and effects belonging to such Lodge at the time of its extinction, unless such effects shall have been disposed of as provided in Clause 96 of this Constitution.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1st.—The members will clothe themselves in their appropriate Regalia.

2nd.—The Guardian will close the door.

3rd.—The officers will take their respective Chairs.

4th.—The Grand Master will make *pro tem.* appointments if needed.

5th.—The Grand Marshal and Grand Conductor will examine all present in the G. L. and Semi-Annual Pass-Word.

6th.—The Grand Chaplain will offer prayer.

7th.—The Grand Lodge will rise according to usage, and the Grand Marshal will declare the Grand Lodge open for business.

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8th.—The Grand Secretary will read the Credentials of Representatives and new members.

9th.—The Grand Master shall appoint the Committee on Credentials, which shall report with as little delay as possible.

10th.—The Reception and adoption of the Report of the Credential Committee.

11th.—The Reception of new members and Representatives, and the calling of the roll of Officers and Representatives.

12th.—The Reading and adoption of the Minutes of the last Annual Session, and of all Special Meetings of the year past.

13th.—The Reading and Reference to Appropriate Committees of the Reports of the Grand Officers.

14th.—The Appointment of all regular Committees.

15th.—The Reception of Petitions, Communications and Appeals, and the reference of the same to Committees.

16th.—The Roll of Lodges shall be called for the presentation of Questions and Business, and proper reference of the same.

17th.—The Nomination and Election of Officers.

18th.—Unfinished Business in order of its priority.

19th.—The Reports of Committees shall be read and considered.

20th.—The Installation of Officers.

21st.—The presentation and disposal of miscellaneous business.

22nd.—The closing of the Grand Lodge.

RULES OF ORDER.

RULE 1st.—After each adjournment, the Grand Lodge shall be opened in the manner prescribed in the Order of Business, and the Minutes of the preceding sitting shall be read and approved.

RULE 2nd.—During the continuance of the Session the most decorous order shall be observed, no one leaving the room without the permission of the Grand Master, nor entering without the consent of the Grand Warden.

The order of procedure, after opening, shall be as follows :—

- 1.—The calling of the Roll of Officers and Members.
- 2.—The consideration of any excuses which may be offered by Absentees from previous meetings.
- 3.—The receiving and consideration of any Report from the Committee on Credentials, on claims for admission as Representatives.
- 4.—The admission and instruction (when requisite) of new Members.
- 5.—The Reading by the Grand Secretary of the Minutes of last meeting, the consideration of any objections which may be made to any part thereof, and their approval, with or without amendment, as the case may require.
- 6.—The receiving and consideration of any Report from the Committee on Returns, relative to the Returns from Subordinate Lodges, and the reading of such Returns as may be reported correct.
- 7.—The reading and referring of Accounts presented.
- 8.—The reading, consideration and disposal of Petitions from Subordinate Lodges, or from Members thereof.
- 9.—The reading and referring of Appeals from Subordinate Lodges, or from Members thereof.

10.—The reading, consideration and disposal of other Communications.

11.—The receiving of any Reports from the other Standing Committees of this Grand Lodge, in the following order:—Committee on Finance; Committee on Grievances; Committee on Laws of Subordinates.

12.—The receiving of any Reports from Special Committees, in the order of their seniority.

13.—Unfinished Business, in order of priority at previous meetings.

14.—New Business.

15.—Closing, or Adjournment, (as the case may be), of the Grand Lodge.

RULE 3rd.—All motions shall be submitted in writing.

RULE 4th.—No question, unless regularly moved and seconded, shall be put to the Grand Lodge by the Presiding Officer.

RULE 5th.—No question shall be open for consideration until regularly put from the Chair; and when so put, no other motion shall be receivable, unless it be a motion—

1.—To adjourn;

2.—To lay on the table;

3.—To put the previous question;

4.—To postpone;

5.—To refer; or

6.—To amend.

These several motions, if made, shall have precedence in the order above stated, and the first, second and third thereof, shall be decided without debate.

RULE 6th.—The Previous Question shall be put from the

Chair, only after it shall have been ascertained that the call therefor is sustained by a majority of the members of the Grand Lodge present, and shall then always be put in the words following: "*Shall the question be now put?*" which words shall be understood to have reference to whatever question may be pending, immediately before such call for the previous question may have been made.

RULE 7th.—If the vote of the Grand Lodge, taken pursuant to such call for the Previous Question, be in the affirmative, the Presiding Officer shall thereupon put forthwith to vote the question so pending, immediately before such call, and shall not allow any amendment or further debate thereon.

RULE 8th.—Before taking the vote on any motion, the Presiding Officer shall ask "*Is the Grand Lodge ready for the question?*" and, should no member stand up to speak, the Presiding Officer shall rise to take the vote, after which no member shall have a right to speak on the question.

RULE 9th.—After any question, except that of indefinite postponement or the previous question, may have been decided, any two members, having voted in the majority, may, at the same or next meeting of the then Session, move for a re-consideration, but no discussion of the main question shall be allowed upon such motion.

RULE 10th.—Any member may require the division of a question, when the sense will admit of it.

RULE 11th.—When a blank is to be filled, the question shall first be taken on the highest sum or number, or on the longest or latest time proposed.

RULE 12th.—The Ayes and Nays shall be taken and recorded, on the call of any three members.

RULE 13th.—Every member present may be required to vote on any question, unless excused by the Grand Lodge, personally interested in the result, or otherwise incapacitated.

RULE 14th.—Any member, intending to speak on a question, shall rise in his place, and respectfully address the Presiding Officer, confining himself to the question under

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debate, avoiding all personality and indecorous language, as well as any reflection on the Grand Lodge or its members.

RULE 15th.—No member shall speak more than once on the same question, until every member desirous of speaking shall have had an opportunity of doing so—nor more than twice, unless by permission of the Presiding Officer.

RULE 16th.—Should more than one member rise to speak at the same time, the Presiding Officer shall determine which is entitled to the floor; and no member shall interrupt the business of the Grand Lodge, or in any manner disturb another in his speech, unless to call him to order for words spoken, or rules infringed.

RULE 17th.—Any member called to order while speaking, shall resume his seat, and the debate shall forthwith be suspended until the point of order thus raised be determined; nor shall any member speak upon such point of order unless it be to make necessary explanations, or appeal from the decision of the Chair.

RULE 18th.—The decision of the Presiding Officer on questions of order shall be without debate, unless, entertaining doubts on the point, he should invite it; and on such questions alone shall he have the privilege of speaking from the Chair.

RULE 19th.—In all cases where a member may appeal from the decision of the Chair, he shall use the words following and none other, unless it be for necessary explanation: "*Most Worthy Grand Master, I respectfully appeal from the decision of the Chair to the Grand Lodge.*"—and the Grand Lodge shall, after such explanation as the Presiding Officer may deem necessary, proceed forthwith to consider and vote upon the question: "*Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the Grand Lodge?*"

RULE 20th.—Any member who may have been ruled out of order for manifestation of temper, or improper feelings, must apologise to the Grand Lodge, or to any aggrieved party, if required so to do by the Presiding Officer; and shall not speak again on the pending question, except to explain and apologise, unless specially permitted so to do by the Presiding Officer.

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RULE 21st.—Visiting Past Grands, not members of this Grand Lodge, may address the Grand Lodge, on receiving permission to that effect from the Presiding Officer.

RULE 22nd.—A motion to alter or suspend the Order of Business for the remainder of a meeting may at any time be carried by a two-third vote, but no motion to suspend or alter any such order of business for a longer term shall at any time be put to vote.

RULE 23rd.—These Rules of Order, or any part thereof, shall only be altered, amended, suspended or annulled, (except in the case provided for by Rule 22nd), by action of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, in the same mode as required in Clauses 90, 91, 92 and 93, of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge.

CONSTITUTION AND RULES OF ORDER

—FOR—

SUBORDINATE LODGES.

CONSTITUTION.

PREAMBLE.

For the purpose of ensuring, as much as possible, uniformity in the administration of the privileges, honors and benefits of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows within its jurisdiction, the GRAND LODGE OF ONTARIO—the Superior Tribunal of all Lodges within the limits of the Province of Ontario—doth hereby ordain the following Articles, as the CONSTITUTION OF ALL SUBORDINATE LODGES working under its immediate jurisdiction :

ARTICLE I.

TITLE AND POWERS.

This Lodge shall be constituted of at least Five Members of the Scarlet Degree, and shall be hailed and entitled, “———Lodge, No.———, I. O. O. F., of Ontario, and shall possess the full powers and privileges of a Subordinate Lodge, holding a legal, unreclaimed and valid Charter, duly granted and formally presented by the Grand Lodge of Ontario.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERSHIP.

ADMISSION.

CLAUSE 1.—Candidates for Membership by Initiation in

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this Lodge must be free white males, 21 years of age, of good moral character, and in sound health, and residents within the jurisdiction of this Lodge at least six months.

CLAUSE 2.—Every proposition for membership must be submitted in writing by a Brother of this Lodge, and must state the name of the Applicant, and his residence, age, and occupation, supported by a reference to at least one other member of the Lodge.

CLAUSE 3.—The proposition so made shall be referred to a Committee of three Brothers, two of whom shall be appointed by the N. G., and one by the V. G., and who shall report thereon at the next meeting.

CLAUSE 4.—A ballot shall be taken on the proposition immediately after the presentation of such report; when, if less than three black balls be found, the Candidate shall be accepted; if three or more, he shall be rejected, and so declared.

CLAUSE 5.—Any Brother or Ancient Odd-Fellow desirous of joining this Lodge, must present a Card of Clearance from the Lodge of which he was previously a member, and his application shall then be disposed of according to the above regulations.

CLAUSE 6.—Every member, on his admission, shall sign a promise to support and abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of this Lodge, and to pay all legal demands against him so long as he shall remain a member.

CLAUSE 7.—Any Candidate requiring admission more than thirteen weeks after his election, must be again proposed and balloted for, as in the case of a new Candidate.

CLAUSE 8.—The rejection of any Candidate for membership shall be immediately intimated to every Subordinate Lodge in the City, Town or Village, in which such rejection takes place.

CLAUSE 9.—No Candidate who has been rejected can be again proposed for membership, until, at least, six months after such rejection.

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DEGREES.

CLAUSE 10.—Every Brother, previous to his receiving any of the Five Degrees, shall present a certificate from the P. S. that he is not in arrears to the Lodge, and that he has paid all charges for the said Degrees, and shall then be balloted for.

CLAUSE 11.—If, on such ballot his application be opposed by more than three of the members present, it shall be rejected; otherwise, he shall be considered eligible and shall be admitted to the Degree or Degrees in question.

CLAUSE 12.—No certificate for Degree shall be granted until after the Candidate shall have paid the amount required therefor.

CLAUSE 13.—No Brother having been less than one month in Membership, shall be eligible for Degrees; and not more than three Degrees shall be conferred on any brother at one and the same meeting.

CLAUSE 14.—Any brother in good standing and clear of the books, desiring to withdraw from a Lodge, may signify such desire either personally in open Lodge, or by a letter addressed to the Secretary, whereupon the Lodge shall proceed to a ballot, with ball ballots, and a majority vote of the members present shall be necessary to the granting a Card of Withdrawal. If a majority of the members present refuse to grant such card, the applicant therefor may tender a written resignation of his membership, and shall be entitled to receive from the Secretary, under the Seal of the Lodge, a certificate that he has resigned membership, and such certificate shall be sufficient evidence that the brother was in good standing at the time of his resignation; Provided, that upon the refusal of the Card, the member applying for the same shall have the right of appeal to the Grand Lodge.

CLAUSE 15.—Should any brother receiving a Card of Clearance from this Lodge, apply within twelve months thereafter to be again admitted a member of this Lodge, and be accepted, the Lodge may remit in his favor the Entrance Fee, or such proportion thereof as it may think fit.

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ARTICLE III.

OFFICERS.

ELECTIVE OFFICERS.

CLAUSE 1.—The Elective Officers of this Lodge shall be Noble Grand, Vice Grand, Secretary, Per Secretary, and Treasurer; and the Lodge may also provide, by its By-Laws, for the election of a Degree Master and a Physician.

CLAUSE 2.—Any Brother to be nominated for the office of D. M., must be a P. G. having the three P. O. Degrees; for the office of N. G., a V. G., or P. V. G.; and all other Elective Officers, except Physician, a Brother who has served at least twenty-six nights in some inferior office, and has attained to the Scarlet Degree.

CLAUSE 3.—All officers shall be eligible for re-election.

CLAUSE 4.—Nomination for the Elective Offices shall be made only at the two meetings next preceding that fixed for the Elections thereto, except when the nominees for an office are all absent without excuse, or decline serving.

CLAUSE 5.—No Brother shall be nominated, who has not signified his willingness to accept the office for which he may be named; and no nomination shall be held to be in force, on proceeding to election, unless the Brother so nominated be then present, or has sent to the Lodge a sufficient excuse in writing.

CLAUSE 6.—The Election of officers shall take place at the last regular meeting in each term, except in the case of D. M., P. S., and Physician, who shall be elected to serve for a term of six or twelve months, as the Lodge by its By-Laws determine.

CLAUSE 7.—If, for any Elective Office, only one Brother shall be in nomination, such Brother shall be declared elected by acclamation; should there be two or more candidates duly nominated, the members present shall proceed to elect one of such candidates by ballot.

CLAUSE 8.—A majority of all the legal votes cast, shall be necessary to election; should there be no choice of an officer

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at any ballot, a new ballot shall forthwith take place, and after each ballot, the name of the candidate who may have received the smallest number of votes shall be withdrawn.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

CLAUSE 9.—The appointed Officers of this Lodge shall be W. C., O. G., I. G., R. S. N. G., L. S. N. G., R. S. V. G., L. S. V. G. and R. and L. S. S.; and the Lodge may, at its option, add a Chaplain.

CLAUSE 10.—These Officers shall be appointed by the N. G. immediately after his Installation; except the R. and L. S. V. G., who shall be appointed at the same period by the V. G.

CLAUSE 11.—All Brothers appointed as Officers must be in good standing and the W. and O. G., I. G., must have attained the Scarlet Degree.

CLAUSE 12.—The N. G., with the consent of the Lodge, may appoint as O. G. a Brother of the Scarlet Degree belonging to any other Lodge.

VACANCIES.

CLAUSE 13.—Any office, the occupant of which may have been absent without satisfactory excuse from three successive regular meetings, may be declared vacant by vote of the Lodge, on a motion to that effect; provided notice of such motion has been given at the regular meeting previous to that at which the vote is taken.

CLAUSE 14.—Any vacancy in office shall be filled by election or appointment as the case may be, in the manner as provided for in the previous Sections; and Brothers so elected or appointed, shall be entitled to the privileges of the office, provided they complete the term.

DUTIES AND POWERS.

CLAUSE 15.—The Officers of this Lodge shall perform such duties, and be invested with such powers, as are prescribed by the Charge-Books and Usages of the Order, and the laws of the Grand Lodge.

CLAUSE 16.—This Lodge shall have authority to add thereto

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such duties and powers, as may not be inconsistent with the provisions of the preceding Clause of this Section.

ARTICLE IV.

SESSIONS, TERMS AND RETURNS.

SESSIONS.

CLAUSE 1.—This Lodge shall hold its meetings weekly or semi-monthly, on such evening and at such time as may be provided by its By-Laws; provided always, that as decided by the Grand Lodge of the United States, twenty-six nights' service be required as the term of office.

CLAUSE 2.—Special Sessions may be called by the N. G., such notice thereof being given as may be required by the By-Laws of the Lodge. The notice shall contain the particular reason for calling the same, and no business but that expressed in such notice shall be entered upon at such special meeting.

CLAUSE 3.—No business shall be transacted at any regular or special meeting unless at least five members of this Lodge be then present, nor otherwise than according to the Rules of the Order, annexed to this Constitution.

CLAUSE 4.—Members of other Lodges may be admitted as Visitors, provided they give the Pass-Word for the Term, or are introduced by an Officer of the Grand Lodge.

CLAUSE 5.—This Lodge shall have no power to resolve itself, at any time, into Committee of the whole.

TERMS.

CLAUSE 6.—The Terms of this Lodge shall be Semi-Annual, and shall commence on the first regular meetings in July and January respectively; should the D. M., P. S., or Physician, be elected semi annually, their Terms shall commence at the first regular meetings in July and January, respectively; and, if annually, then at the first regular meetings in July.

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CLAUSE 7.—Every Term shall be held to close on the day on which the succeeding one may commence.

RETURNS.

CLAUSE 8.—It shall be the duty of the last Past Officers to prepare and forward to the Grand Secretary of Ontario, immediately on the expiry of their Term of Office, a regular Return of the work of such Term, with the result of the Election of Officers, &c., in accordance with such blank form of semi-annual return, as the Grand Lodge may from time to time direct to be used.

CLAUSE 9.—Such semi-annual return shall be accompanied by the amount due the Grand Lodge; the same being 25 cents for each unsuspended member on said return.

CLAUSE 10.—A Fine of two dollars shall be payable by this Lodge for every month that may elapse after the close of any semi-annual term previous to the Returns required by Clause 8 being placed in the possession of the Grand Lodge.

CLAUSE 11.—Should this Lodge, or the Officers thereof, fail to make the Returns required by the preceding Clauses, for twelve months, it shall thereby become liable to the forfeiture of its Charter; and it shall be the duty of the last installed Officers, to transmit or surrender to the Grand Master on requisition from him to that effect, (or to such other Brother as may be appointed, by the Grand Lodge or Grand Master to receive the same,) the Charter, books, papers, furniture and funds of the Lodge.

ARTICLE V.

FUNDS.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

CLAUSE 1.—There shall be two regular Funds of this Lodge, to be known respectively as the Widows and Orphans' Fund and the General Benefit Fund; and the Lodge may provide, by its By-Laws, for the institution of a Special

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Fund or Funds for any of the benevolent purposes contemplated by the Order; provided always, that in the case of every such Special Fund the receipts and disbursements on account thereof shall be kept altogether distinct from the Regular Funds hereby established.

CLAUSE 2.—The Entrance Fee of this Lodge must be paid in every case previous to the admission of the candidate, and shall not be less than five dollars.

CLAUSE 3.—The charges for Degrees shall not be at a less rate than one dollar for each of the five Degrees; and all moneys received on account of Degree charges shall be applied to the General Benefit Fund.

CLAUSE 4.—The Contributions of each member to the regular Benefit Funds of this Lodge, shall be determined by the By-Laws, but shall not be at less rate than one dollar per quarter. This lodge shall place such portion of its quarterly Dues to the credit of the W. & O. Fund as it may see fit, provided it be not less than one-fifth nor more than one-third, the remainder to be placed to the credit of the General Benefit Fund.

CLAUSE 5.—The Lodge shall have the power of enacting such Fees for Visiting and Clearance Cards, (to be applied to the General Fund) and such fines for neglect of duty, &c., (to be applied to the Widows and Orphans' Fund) as may be determined by the By-Laws.

DISBURSEMENTS.

CLAUSE 6.—Every member, qualified as required by the By-Laws, if rendered incapable of following his usual occupation, by sickness or disability, not occasioned by immoral conduct on his part, shall be entitled to receive from the General Fund, such weekly Sick Benefit as may be fixed by the By-Laws; Provided always that such weekly Benefit shall in no case exceed three times the quarterly contribution required from each member to the General Benefit Fund, and that this Lodge shall not be held to pay such Benefit for any term of sickness shorter than one week unless specially so provided by its By-Laws.

CLAUSE 7.—In case of the death of a Brother, qualified as

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required by the By-Laws, there shall be paid to his nearest of kin, or other legal representative, from the General Fund, towards defraying the funeral expenses, such sum, not being less than twenty dollars, nor more than fifty dollars, as may be fixed by the By-Laws of this Lodge.

CLAUSE 8.—The Lodge may provide by its By-Laws for the payment of a Funeral Benefit to a duly qualified Brother, on the demise of his wife, to assist in defraying the expenses of her funeral: Provided such Funeral Benefit shall not exceed one-half of the amount payable by the Lodge for a Funeral Benefit under Clause 7 of this Article.

CLAUSE 9.—The Lodge shall, by its By-Laws, make such provisions as shall seem meet for the relief of Brothers in a state of pecuniary distress; Provided such relief shall be applied from no other than the General Fund, and shall in no case exceed the sum of Fifty Dollars.

CLAUSE 10.—The Lodge shall make such disposition of the Widows and Orphans' Fund, for the relief and benefit of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Brothers of this Lodge, by annuity or otherwise, as it shall see fit; Provided always that no annuity shall exceed the amount that would be contributed, by any one member, to such Widows and Orphans' Fund, within the space of twenty-five years, under the By-Laws of the Lodge; and that, if relief be otherwise given, the amount shall in no case exceed four times the limit thus fixed for annuities.

ARTICLE VI.

PENALTIES AND TRIAL.

PENALTIES.

CLAUSE 1.—Any Brother who shall violate any of the principles of the Order, or infringe the Constitution or By-Laws of this Lodge, shall be subject to be fined, reprimanded, suspended or expelled, as the By-Laws may direct, ancient usage require, or the Lodge determine.

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CLAUSE 2.—Every Brother charged with any offence involving reprimand, suspension or expulsion, (unless for non-payment of dues), shall be entitled to a fair trial, in accordance with the provisions of Clause 8, of this Article.

CLAUSE 3.—When any Brother, suspended for an indefinite period, for any other cause than non-payment of dues, desires to be re-instated, his case shall be referred to a Committee of five Brothers, who, after due investigation, shall report at the next regular meeting; and if a majority of the members then present shall vote in his favor, he shall thereupon be declared eligible for re-instatement.

CLAUSE 4.—No Brother shall be re-instated, until he shall have paid any arrearages against him at the time of his suspension, and all dues that may have accrued since then.

CLAUSE 5.—At the end of every month, the Recording Secretary shall fill out and forward to the Grand Secretary, a list containing the names of members re-instated during the month, also of those who have ceased membership for non-payment of dues, and the names of members suspended and expelled during the same time, in each case giving date and cause of suspension and expulsion.

CLAUSE 6.—No Brother who has been legally expelled, or who has ceased to be a member for non-payment of dues, except members of defunct Lodges, shall be again admitted to membership in any Lodge of this Order without the consent of the Lodge from which he was expelled or dropped, and in no case shall he be re-admitted without compliance with all the forms for new applicants, excepting the ceremony of initiation.

TRIALS.

CLAUSE 7.—No Member of this Lodge shall be put on trial, unless charges duly specifying his alleged offence shall first be submitted to the Lodge in writing, by one or more Brothers of the Order in good standing.

CLAUSE 8.—Any charge or charges so preferred, shall be referred to a Committee of five Members, of whom three shall be a quorum, to be chosen by ballot; which Committee shall,

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with as little delay as the case will admit, furnish the accused with a copy of the charge or charges, summon the parties, and examine and determine the matter in question. In selecting this Committee, only one name shall be written upon any ballot.

CLAUSE 9.—Should the decision of the Committee not involve the suspension or expulsion of a member, and should no appeal be made therefrom, it shall be final, without further action from the Lodge.

CLAUSE 10.—Should the Committee be convinced of the necessity of suspending or expelling a Member, a motion to that effect shall be submitted to the Lodge by three of their number, in their name.

CLAUSE 11.—Any motion for the suspension or expulsion of a Member shall be announced at the two regular meetings previous to that on which it is to be decided, which last meeting the Brother under charges shall be summoned to attend; and at the time so appointed, whether the implicated Brother be present or not, the Lodge may proceed to consider and determine the question.

CLAUSE 12.—The Lodge shall have the power, at the meeting appointed for the decision, to vary the penalty to one less severe than that contained in the motion submitted by the Committee.

APPEALS.

CLAUSE 13.—Any party interested, shall have the right of appeal to the Lodge from the decision of a Committee, given under Clause 9 of this Article; and notice of the meeting appointed for trying the appeal, shall be given at least one regular meeting previous.

CLAUSE 14.—On the evening appointed, the Committee shall present to the Lodge, in writing, the grounds on which their decision was founded, and the parties interested shall have the privilege of being heard before the Lodge; and the decision shall then be confirmed, annulled, or modified, as a majority of the Members present shall determine.

CLAUSE 15.—Any party interested may appeal to the Grand

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Lodge of Ontario, on the ground of informality or want of fairness; and if such informality or want of fairness be proved—but not otherwise—the Lodge may be ordered by the Grand Lodge to hold a new trial on the same charges, in the mode provided for in Clauses 7 to 12 of this Article.

ARTICLE VII.

REGALIA AND JEWELS.

REGALIA.

CLAUSE 1.—The regalia of the Order shall be as follows, to wit: Collars of Subordinate Lodges shall be white, trimmed with the emblematic color of the degree intended to be represented, namely: First degree, white; second degree, pink; third degree, blue; fourth degree, green; fifth degree, scarlet; rosettes of the appropriate colors can be worn on the collars. Among those who may have attained the Royal Purple Degree, rosettes composed of black, yellow and purple, may be worn on the collar either in connection with the other colors or as a separate rosette. The Noble Grand shall wear a scarlet collar; Vice-Grand, blue collar; Secretary, green collar; Treasurer, green collar, each of them trimmed with white or silver. Supporters of Noble Grand, scarlet sashes; of the Vice-Grand, blue sashes; Warden and Conductor, black sashes; Scene Supporters, white sashes; Chaplain, white sash; Outside Guardian, red sash; Inside Guardian, blue sash.

JEWELS.

CLAUSE 2.—The jewel of a P. G. is a five pointed star; of Noble Grand, crossed gavels; of Vice-Grand, hour glass; of Secretary, crossed pens; of Treasurer, crossed keys; of Warden, crossed wands; of Conductor, crossed axes; of Guardian, crossed swords; all to be of white metal.

FUNERAL REGALIA.

CLAUSE 3.—Funeral Regalia consists of a black crape rosette, having a centre of the color of the highest Degree to which the wearer has attained, to be worn on the left breast, with a sprig of evergreen above, and such jewel or jewels as the

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Brother may be entitled to wear, suspended below. Grand Lodges may, at their discretion, permit the ordinary Regalia to be worn at funerals, either in connection with, or as a substitute for this simple Regalia.

CLAUSE 4.—The ordinary mourning badge to be worn by Brothers in memory of a deceased Brother, is a strip of black crape passed through one button hole of the left lappel of the coat, tied with a narrow ribbon of the color of the highest Degree the wearer has attained.

CLAUSE 5.—Past Officers and Members of the Encampment Degrees, and all other Members of the Order, WHEN VISITING Grand or Subordinate Lodges or Encampments, are entitled to wear the Regalia and Jewels pertaining to the highest Degree they have taken. (See By-Laws G. L., U. S. Art. 24, and amended By-Law 22, G. L., U. S., passed 1872. See also, Clause 66, Constitution of this G. L.)

CLAUSE 6.—The Encampment Regalia (EXCEPT BY VISITORS), can only be worn in an Encampment; but members of a Grand Lodge who have received the Royal Purple Degree, may wear the *Colors* of the Encampment in a Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE VIII.

BY-LAWS, ETC.

BY-LAWS.

CLAUSE 1.—This Lodge shall stand fully invested with the power to adopt, from time to time, such By-Laws and Resolutions as may be deemed expedient; Provided they do not in anywise contravene any part of this Constitution, the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, or the principles or customs of the Order.

CLAUSE 2.—All such By-Laws shall be immediately forwarded, in duplicate, to the Grand Secretary, authenticated by the Seal of the Lodge, and the signature of its N. G. and Secretary; one copy to be retained by the Grand Lodge, and

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the other to be returned to the Grand Lodge, certified as approved, or otherwise, as the case may be.

DISPENSATIONS.

CLAUSE 3.—The Grand Lodge, or in its recess, the Grand Master, shall have power to grant Dispensations to any Lodge, to exempt it in any particular case, from the operation of any of the foregoing Regulations, other than financial, whenever the Grand Lodge, or Grand Master, may deem it for the welfare and interest of the Order so to do.

CLAUSE 4.—Such charge shall be made for Dispensations issued under this Section, as the Grand Lodge may, from time to time, direct.

AMENDMENTS

CLAUSE 5.—This Constitution, or any part thereof, shall not be altered, amended, suspended or annulled, unless by action of the Grand Lodge of Ontario.

RULES OF ORDER.

RULE I.—As soon as the Presiding Officer shall have taken the Chair, the Officers and Brothers present shall take their respective stations, and the Lodge shall then be opened in ancient form.

RULE II.—The order of procedure after opening, shall be as follows:—

- 1.—The calling of the Roll of Officers.
- 2.—The consideration of any excuses which may be offered by Absentees from previous meetings.
- 3.—The reading by the Secretary of the Minutes of the last Lodge night; the consideration of any objections which may be made to any part thereof, and their approval, with or without amendment, as the case may require.

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4.—The receiving and consideration of any Reports from the Visiting Committee, or from other Brothers who may have to report the fact of any Brother being sick or in distress.

5.—The nomination or election of Officers, on the evenings designated for such nomination or election.

6.—The receiving and consideration of Reports of Committees on Character, and balloting thereon.

7.—The Initiation of Candidates for Membership.

8.—The receiving of Propositions for Membership, and their reference to Committees on Character.

9.—The receiving and consideration of any Reports of Officers or Standing Committees, which may require to be made in pursuance of the By-Laws.

10.—The receiving and consideration of any Reports of Special Committees, in the order of their seniority.

11.—The reading and consideration of Accounts and other Communications in the hands of the Secretary.

12.—Good and Welfare: being *first*, Unfinished Business, in order of priority at former meetings; and *secondly*, New Business.

13.—The closing of the Lodge.

RULE III.—Any member offering a motion must do so in writing, if a request to that effect be made by the Secretary, the Presiding Officer, or the Lodge.

RULE IV.—No question shall be put by the Presiding Officer, unless regularly moved and seconded; nor be open for consideration until so put; and, when put, no other motion shall be receivable, unless it be a motion—

1.—To adjourn;

2.—To lay on the table;

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- 3.—To put the previous question ;
- 4.—To postpone ;
- 5.—To refer ; or
- 6.—To amend.

These several motions, if made, shall have precedence in the order above stated, and the first, second and third thereof, shall be decided without debate.

RULE V.—The Previous Question shall be put from the Chair, only after it shall have been ascertained that the call therefor is sustained by a majority of the members of the Lodge present, and shall then always be put in the words following: "*Shall the question be now put?*" which words shall be understood to have reference to whatever question may be pending, immediately before such call for the previous question may have been so made.

RULE VI.—If the vote of the Lodge, taken pursuant to such call for the Previous Question, be in the affirmative, the Presiding Officer shall thereupon forthwith put to vote the question so pending, immediately before such call, and shall allow no amendment or further debate thereon; and if, on the other hand, the vote of the Lodge be in the negative, the Presiding Officer shall be thereby precluded from putting to vote, during the remainder of the current term, the question so pending as aforesaid.

RULE VII.—Any member may require the division of a question, when the sense will admit of it.

RULE VIII.—When a blank is to be filled, the question shall first be taken on the highest sum or number, and longest or latest time proposed.

RULE IX.—The Ayes and Nays shall be taken and recorded, on the call of any member, duly seconded.

RULE X.—After any question, except that of indefinite postponement or the previous question, may have been decided, any two members, having voted in the majority, may,

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at the same or next regular meeting, move for a re-consideration thereof; but no discussion on the main question shall be allowed upon such motion.

RULE XI.—Any question decided by the Lodge, shall not again be brought before it, otherwise than by re-consideration, as provided in the foregoing Rule, unless notice thereof shall have been given at the meeting immediately preceding; and such notice shall not be received during the term in which the question has been decided.

RULE XII.—Every member shall have the privilege of speaking twice on any question, but not oftener, unless by permission of the Presiding Officer.

RULE XIII.—Any Brother intending to speak on a question, shall rise in his place, and respectfully address the Presiding Officer, confining himself to the question, and avoiding personalities; and should more than one Brother rise to speak at the same time, the Presiding Officer shall determine which is entitled to the floor.

RULE XIV.—The Presiding Officer, or any member, may call a Brother to order while speaking; and, in such case, the debate shall be forthwith suspended, and the Brother so called to order shall not proceed, until the point of order thus raised be determined, nor speak upon such point of order, unless it be to make necessary explanation, or appeal from the decision of the Chair.

RULE XV.—In all cases where a member may appeal from the decision of the Chair, he shall use the words following, and none other, unless it be for necessary explanation:—"M. N., *I respectfully appeal from the decision of the Chair to the Lodge,*" and the Lodge shall, after such explanation from the Presiding Officer as he may deem necessary, proceed forthwith to consider and vote upon the question:—"Will the Lodge sustain the decision of the Chair?"

RULE XVI.—Any Brother who may have been called to order for manifestation of temper, or improper feeling, must apologise to the Lodge or to any aggrieved party, if required so to do by the Presiding Officer; and shall not speak again

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on the pending question, except to explain or apologise, unless specially permitted so to do by the Presiding Officer.

RULE XVII.—The Presiding Officer, or the Lodge may, at any time, require all members present to vote upon any pending question, or may excuse any member or members from so doing.

RULE XVIII.—Brothers, not members of this Lodge, may address the Lodge, on receiving permission to that effect from the Presiding Officer.

RULE XIX.—No Brother shall retire while the Lodge is open, without the permission of the Presiding Officer.

RULE XX.—A motion to suspend or alter the Order of Procedure, as contained in Rule II, for the remainder of a meeting, may, at any time, be carried by a unanimous vote, or, if as many, as seven members call upon the Lodge to sustain it, by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the members present and voting thereon; but no motion to suspend or alter such Order of Procedure for a longer term, shall at any time be put to vote.

RULE XXI.—These Rules, or any part thereof, shall only be altered, amended, suspended, or annulled (except in the case provided for by Rule XX), by action of the Grand Lodge of Ontario.

CONSTITUTION AND GENERAL REGULATIONS

—FOR THE—

Formation and Government of Degree Lodges.

1. Whenever it may appear to the brethren of any Lodge or Lodges in any District under the jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, that it would be consistent with the interests of the Order to establish a Degree Lodge in such District, it shall be proper for them to authorize ten brothers of the Scarlet Degree to make a written application to this Grand Lodge to that effect.
2. Such application shall be signed by the full number of the brethren so authorized; and shall be accompanied by the Charter Fee, \$5; by a certificate from the D. D. G. M., that the petitioners are properly qualified, and by a certificate over the seal of the Lodge or Lodges with which they are connected, that they are members in good standing, and that they have been duly authorized by their Lodge or Lodges to apply for such Charter.
3. On receipt of a formal application for a Charter as above required, the Grand Master may issue a Warrant for the immediate establishment of a Degree Lodge.
4. As soon as the necessary authority shall have been obtained from the Grand Master, the brethren petitioning shall summon all Scarlet Degree members in good standing in their Lodge or Lodges, and proceed to the election of officers; after which the D. D. G. M. shall duly institute the Degree Lodge and install the officers elect, after the manner and form prescribed for the same.
5. A Degree Lodge shall be composed of members in good standing in the Order of the Scarlet Degree, resident within the jurisdiction of the Degree Lodge, and all business (except that of conferring the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Degrees of this Order), shall be transacted when open in the Scarlet Degree.

6. The Elective Officers of a Degree Lodge shall be a Degree Master, Deputy Degree Master, 1st Assistant Deputy Degree Master, 2nd Assistant Deputy Degree Master, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be elected semi-annually by a majority of the votes polled for that purpose.
7. Nominations for Elective Officers shall be made upon the last two meetings in the months of June and December in each year.
8. Elections for the Elective Officers shall be held upon the last regular meetings in the months of June and December in each year, and the installation of Officers shall take place on the first regular meetings in the months of July and January in each year.
9. The Appointed Officers shall be a Warden, Conductor, and Outside and Inside Guardians, to be appointed by the Degree Master, upon the night of his installation.
10. No brother shall be eligible for the office of Degree Master who has not received the Past Official Degrees of the Order, and who is not a P. G. in good standing in some Subordinate Lodge of this Order, in Ontario.
11. No brother shall be eligible for the office of Deputy Degree Master who is not a Past Grand in good standing in some Subordinate Lodge, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, of Ontario.
12. Five members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and the Degree Lodge shall have power to suspend or expel a member when his conduct shall render it necessary, such suspension or expulsion to be decided upon in accordance with the usages of the Order in Ontario.
13. Loss of good standing, or suspension or expulsion from membership in a Subordinate Lodge, shall at once similarly affect the member's standing in the Degree Lodge, and re-instatement in the Subordinate shall work re-instatement in the Degree Lodge.
14. The Degree Master shall preside, and shall have power to convene special meetings, and perform such other duties

as are prescribed by the official obligations and the usages of the Order.

15. The Deputy Degree Master shall occupy the usual position of the V. G., assist the Degree Master in the discharge of his duties, and in his absence shall preside.

16. The 1st A. D. D. Master, 2nd A. D. D. Master, Treasurer, Warden, Conductor, Inside Guardian and Outside Guardian, shall perform the duties assigned to them at their installation, and by the usages of the Order.

17. The Secretary shall keep accurate minutes of the transactions of the Degree Lodge, he shall conduct all correspondence, and report promptly to their respective Lodges the names of brothers upon whom Degrees are conferred, and also the date and the name or names, or numbers of the Degrees conferred. He shall make out for the Grand Lodge, at the first regular meeting in each term, a report of the Officers for the current term, and the numbers of each Degree conferred, and also of the funds of the Degree Lodge, particularizing the sources whence such funds have been derived. He shall enter in a separate book or record, the name of every brother receiving Degrees, together with the name of his Lodge, and date of receiving the said Degrees, and perform such other duties as are prescribed by his charge of office, and the laws and usages of the Order.

18. The application of a brother for any Degree, with the fee for the same, must be received by his Subordinate Lodge, in which Lodge he shall be balloted for by the members of the Degree for which he applies, when opened in that Degree. If he be not opposed by more than three black balls, he shall be deemed eligible, and a certificate to that effect shall be granted him, which certificate, on being presented to the Degree Lodge, shall be its authority for conferring the Degree or Degrees applied for.

19. A Degree Lodge may, with the consent of two-thirds of the members of the Subordinate Lodge or Lodges connected with it, present and voting at a regular meeting of such Subordinate Lodge or Lodges, charge its members an entrance fee and stated dues. Should no fees or dues be charged, the expenses of the Degree Lodge shall be borne by

the Subordinate Lodge or Lodges to which the Degree members belong.

20. A Subordinate Lodge may provide by its By-Laws for the payment to the Degree Lodge of a part or the whole of the regular charge for the Degrees, in which case the Degree Lodge shall pay to this Grand Lodge 8 per cent. of the amount so received.

21. Any Degree Lodge failing to comply with Clause 17 of these Laws, shall pay to this Grand Lodge a fine of two dollars for every month that may elapse before its semi-annual return shall be placed in the possession of this Grand Lodge.

22. Any Degree Lodge failing to make a return as above, for twelve months, shall become liable to a forfeiture of its Charter, which may be re-called by the Grand Master or this Grand Lodge, and any Degree Lodge failing to meet for three months shall become extinct, and it shall become the duty of the Officers last installed to transmit to this Grand Lodge the Charter, Books, Funds and other property of said Degree Lodge.

23. Any Degree Lodge shall have power to adopt necessary rules and regulations for its government, conformable to this Constitution, and to the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, and the laws and usages of this Order.

24. All prior decisions and regulations of this Grand Lodge, in conflict with the foregoing Constitution, are hereby repealed.

APPENDIX.

FORMS.

FORM OF LETTER FOR TRANSMITTING THE A. T. P. W.

If a brother applying for a visiting or final card be absent from the location of his Lodge or Encampment, so that he cannot obtain the A. T. P. W. with his card in person, it shall be the duty of the proper officers upon the granting of such card, to transmit the same to the brother, and also send therewith a letter in the following form, to wit:

——— Lodge (or Encampment), No. —, of —, }
State of —, day of —, 18 —. }

*To the Noble Grand of any Lodge of the I. O. O. F.
(or Chief Patriarch of any Encampment):*

The bearer, brother or (Patriarch) —, holding a legal card from this —, dated this — day of — 18—, for the period of — months, is entitled to the A. T. P. W. for the current year, which please communicate to him after due examination, whereupon you will retain or destroy this letter.

[SEAL]

Attest,

——— *N. G. or (C. P.)
Secretary (or Scribe.)*

NOTE. —Should the letter be sent in another year subsequent to the year in which the card is issued, as, for instance, when the card is dated in December of one year, and the letter dated in January of the ensuing year; or in the case of issuing a duplicate card in the place of the one lost, then the words "current year" in the letter should be omitted, and the words *year in which the card is dated*, or the words *that year*, should be inserted. The Grand Lodge of the United States has decided "that the A. T. P. W. required of a brother to prove himself in possession of when he offers to visit a Subordinate Lodge on a visiting or unexpired withdrawal card, or is an applicant for membership therein by the deposit of a proper card, is the A. T. P. W. for the year in which the card was issued and bears date." (See Journal, 3976, 3953, 3987.)

Care should be taken in writing the letter in all cases, so that the brother to whom it is sent should receive the proper A. T. P. W.

CARD PRESENTED TO WIFE OR WIDOW OF AN ODD-FELLOW.

FRIENDSHIP, LOVE AND TRUTH.

To all to whom these presents shall come, greeting :

THIS CERTIFIES, that —, whose name is endorsed on the margin of this card in her own proper handwriting, is the wife of our well beloved brother —, who (is) a member of — Lodge No. —, held at —, and working under authority of a charter duly granted by authority of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the —. We therefore recommend her to your friendship and protection wherever she may be, throughout the world, for the space of —, and no longer.

In witness whereof we have subscribed our names and affixed the [SEAL] seal of our Lodge, this — day of —, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and —,

NOTE.—A Subordinate Lodge may, by a two-thirds vote, grant a card to a wife or widow of any member thereof. The Grand Lodge of the United States does not furnish cards for wife or widow, or Daughter of Rebekah—and they may be written or printed by Lodges issuing them.

CARD FOR DAUGHTERS OF REBEKAH.

FRIENDSHIP, LOVE AND TRUTH.

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD-FELLOWS.

To all to whom these presents shall come, greeting :

THIS CERTIFIES, that our well beloved sister —, whose name is endorsed on the margin of this card in her own proper handwriting, has been duly initiated into the degree of the Daughter of Rebekah, and is the — of our brother —, who — a member of — Lodge No. —, held at —, and working under authority of a charter duly granted by authority of the R. W. Grand Lodge of —. We therefore recommend her to your friendship, aid and protection, wherever she may be, throughout the world, for the space of —, and no longer.

In witness whereof we have subscribed our names and affixed the seal of our Lodge, this _____ day of _____, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred [SEAL.] and

_____, *N. G.*

_____, *V. G.*

_____, *Secretary.*

NOTE.—A card may be granted to a Daughter of Rebekah by the Lodge of which her husband is or was a member.

CERTIFICATE OF MEMBERSHIP—DAUGHTERS OF REBEKAH.

FRIENDSHIP, LOVE AND TRUTH.

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD-FELLOWS.

We, the Most Worthy Grand Sire, Right Worthy Deputy Grand Sire, officers and members of the Grand Lodge of the United States, of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows, and jurisdiction thereunto belonging:

To all to whom these presents shall come, greeting:

Know ye, that our well beloved sister _____ is a member of Degree Lodge No. —, of the Daughters of Rebekah, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of _____, and that she is a true and worthy member thereof.

In testimony whereof, we authorize the said Lodge to issue this certificate recommending her to the friendship of the members of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows throughout the globe, and that the same may not be of use to any other person, we direct the Noble Grand and Secretary of said Lodge to cause her to sign her name on the margin

in their presence, to subscribe their official signatures and affix the seal of the said Lodge thereto.

[SEAL.]

_____, N. G.

_____, Secretary.

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CIRCULAR AUTHORIZING APPLICATIONS FOR PECUNIARY ASSISTANCE.

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD-FELLOWS.

WHEREAS, _____ Lodge No. —, of the State (or Territory) of _____, is under the necessity of appealing to the sister Lodges for pecuniary aid in consequence of _____, the Grand Lodge of _____ recommends to her Subordinate Lodges to contribute to the aid of said Lodge.

[SEAL.]

_____, G. M.

CERTIFICATE OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVE.

FRIENDSHIP, LOVE AND TRUTH.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States
of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows :*

THIS CERTIFIES, that P. G. _____ has been duly elected (or appointed) representative from the Grand Lodge (or Grand Encampment) of _____ to the Grand Lodge of the United States.

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Witness our hands and the seal of the Grand _____, this
_____ day of _____.

_____, *G. Master (or G. Patriar*

_____, *G. Secretary (or G. Scribe).*

PETITION FOR A WARRANT OF A SUBORDINATE LODGE.

*To the Grand Sire, officers and members
of the Grand Lodge of the United States.*

The petition of the undersigned, holding withdrawal cards from Lodges legally recognized by your R. W. Body, respectfully represent that it would be consistent with the advantage of the Order to establish a Subordinate Lodge to be located at _____, in the State of _____. Wherefore your petitioners pray that a warrant may duly issue in pursuance of the laws of your R. W. Body.

Dated at _____, this _____ day of _____.

COMMISSION TO OPEN A LODGE OR ENCAMPMENT.

I, _____ Most Worthy Grand Sire of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows in and for the United States of America, and the jurisdiction of the Order thereunto belonging:

To our Worthy Brother _____, greeting:

Reposing special confidence in your zeal and ability, I do, by virtue of the power and authority in me vested, hereby authorize and empower you to call to your assistance a sufficient number of known, approved, and duly qualified _____, in the _____ of _____ and State of _____, to open and

constitute a new — to be held there, and to proceed to the installation of our worthy brother, who shall be elected — and other the officers of a new — there to be established and constituted, to be hailed and known by the title of —, according to the most ancient and honorable custom of the Order, and not contrariwise, and make report to me hereunto annexed of your proceedings.

This dispensation to remain in full force for three months from the date hereof, and no longer.

Given under my hand and seal, at the —, in the —
[SEAL] of —, this — day of —.

By the Grand Sire.

—, G. C. and R. S.

FORM OF DISPENSATION TO CONTINUE OPERATIONS WHERE A CHARTER HAS BEEN DESTROYED.

I, —, Most Worthy Grand Sire of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows in and for the United States of America, and the jurisdiction of the Order thereunto belonging :

To the — of —, No. —, held in the — of —, in the State of —, these presents,

IN FRIENDSHIP, LOVE AND TRUTH,

Come greeting :

WHEREAS, it has been represented to me that the — of your — has been destroyed by —, and sufficient proof has been given that there is no illegal concealment nor wilful destruction of the same :

Now, therefore, by virtue of the power and authority in me vested, I do hereby authorize, empower, and request you, the present and succeeding officers and members of the said — No. — to continue your labours in the same full and complete

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manner, to all intents and purposes, as you could or might legally have done if your said _____ had not been destroyed, and was still in existence, agreeably to all the usages, rules, and regulations of Odd-Fellowship, and especially to those of our Most Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States, and not contrariwise.

This dispensation to continue in force until the next annual communication of our said Most Worthy Grand Lodge, and until its pleasure in the premises shall have been made _____ to you.

Given under my hand and seal, at the _____ of _____
[SEAL.] in the _____ of _____, this _____ day of _____,
in _____.

By the Grand Sire. _____, G. C. and R. S.



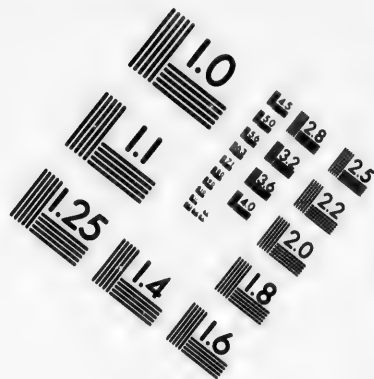
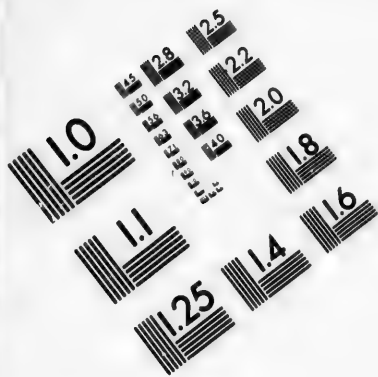
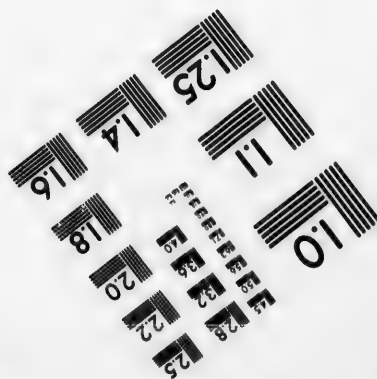
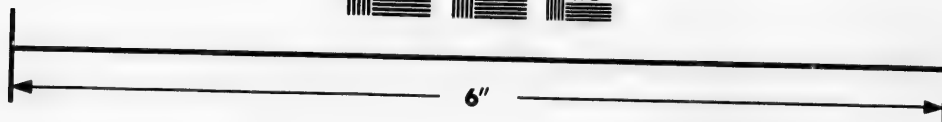
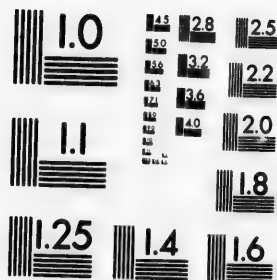


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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE R. W. GRAND LODGE UNITED STATES FOR THE

No. of Lodges	
No. of initiations	
No. admitted by card	
No. withdrawn by card	
No. of re-instatements	
No. of suspensions	
No. of expulsions	
No. of deaths	
No. of members	
No. of brothers relieved	
No. of widowed families relieved	
Amount paid for the relief of brothers	
Amount paid for the relief of widowed families	
Amount paid for the education of orphans	
Amount paid for burying the dead	
Total relief	
Amount of annual receipts	
SUMMARY.	
No. of members per last report	
Initiated during the year	
Admitted by card during the year	
Re-instated during the year	
Total	
Expelled	
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Suspended	
Deceased	
Total	
Now in membership	

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OF ———, TO THE R. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE
YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 18—.

Time and Place of Meeting.

Names of Grand Officers.

Post-office Address.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and the
seal of the Grand Lodge of the State of ———, this
[SEAL.] ——— day of ———, in the year of our Lord one
thousand eight hundred and ———.

———, *Grand Master.*

———, *Grand Secretary.*

ANNUAL RETURNS.

Annual returns shall be made by each State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, in which they shall give the names of Grand Officers, number of Lodges, and the aggregate number of members in good standing in Subordinate Lodges, and the aggregate number of initiations, of re-instatements, rejections, suspensions and cause, expulsions and cause, admissions by card, withdrawals by card, of brothers relieved, of widowed families relieved, deaths, amount expended for relief of brothers, amount expended for education of orphans, amount paid for burying the dead, and the whole amount of receipts; forms for which shall be furnished by this Grand Lodge. Said returns shall be made to the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary at least one month previous to the annual meeting of this body, and shall be accompanied with the dues thereon, in money current at par in the place where the meeting of this body is held. (Article 10, By-Laws.)

Resolved, That it is hereby made the duty of Scribes and Secretaries of Grand Encampments and Grand Lodges, at the time of making their annual returns to the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary of this Grand Lodge, to furnish therewith the post-office addresses of their respective Grand Patriarchs, Grand Scribes, Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries.

Resolved, That Grand Secretaries and Grand Scribes be also instructed to furnish the times and places of the annual sessions of their respective Grand Bodies. (Journal 1857, page 2734.)

INSTRUCTIONS TO GRAND SECRETARIES AND GRAND SCRIBES.

When Subordinates fail to report, you will consider them, in making your report to this Grand Lodge, as returning the same number of members as in their last report.

When a Subordinate is expelled, you will enter the number of members last reported as "expelled," and state the cause.

When a Subordinate forfeits its charter, or becomes extinct by failing to report, you will (unless cards are issued to the

members of officers of the Grand Bodies) enter the number of members last reported as "suspended," and state the cause.

When a Subordinate has its charter returned, and is recognized, the number of members receiving the charter are to be returned as "*re-instated*," unless they hold withdrawal cards or certificates, in which case all holders of cards or certificates are to be entered as "*admitted by card*."

When withdrawal cards or (certificates having the same effect) are issued by officers of Grand Bodies to members of defunct Subordinates who have been previously returned as "*suspended or expelled*," you will enter them as "*re-instated*" and "*withdrawn by card*."

In the first return from a newly organized Grand Body, the number of members in the Subordinates should be entered as "*admitted by card*," and the body to which they were previously attached should enter them at "*withdrawn by card*."

All members reported by Subordinates as "*dropped*," should be entered as "*suspended*," and those reported as "*resigned*," should be entered as "*withdrawn by card*."

The names of those expelled and suspended "*for offence*" should be entered and "*numbered*."

Resolved, That the particular attention of Grand Secretaries and Grand Scribes, and the Secretaries of Subordinate Lodges and Scribes of Subordinate Encampments under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, be directed to the importance of using their best efforts to procure correct reports of the work of the Subordinates.

FORM OF PUBLIC INSTALLATION FOR SUBORDINATE LODGE OFFICERS.

No public installation can take place unless the same is authorized by the Grand Lodge under whose jurisdiction the Subordinate exists.

At all public installations the ceremony must be conducted by one or more of the elective officers of the Grand Lodge, or a District Deputy Grand Master, and the form prescribed by the Grand Lodge of the United States must be used.

Should the M. W. Grand Master be present, the installation will be said to be in "*Ample Form*." Should it, in his absence, be conducted by the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, or a District Deputy Grand Master, it will be said to be in "*Regular Form*." Should neither of these be present, then it may be conducted by any P. G. Officer or P. G.—preference being given to seniority and rank, and shall be said to be in "*Form*." The Officer officiating for the Grand Master, in his absence, will be addressed by his own proper title; any other Grand Officer *pro tem.* who may be appointed by the installing officer will be designated by the office he represents.

All the ordinary ceremonies of the Lodge being suspended, the inner door being opened wide and the officers in their respective stations; the Grand Marshal having a white baton, trimmed with scarlet, approaches, and the following conversation ensues:

Grand Marshal. Worthy Guardian, inform the Noble Grand that the Grand Marshal of the R. W. Grand Lodge of ——— demands admission.

Inside Guardian. Noble Grand, the W. Grand Marshal of the ——— is without and demands admission.

Noble Grand. You will admit him.

Inside Guardian. You have liberty to enter.

The Grand Marshal passes to the centre of the Lodge, facing the Noble Grand, whom he salutes with the baton.

Grand Marshal. Worthy Noble Grand, I am instructed by the M. W. Grand Master of the R. W. Grand Lodge of ——— to ascertain whether the charter (or dispensation) of this Lodge is in the Hall; whether the dues of this Lodge have been paid, and if not, to request that they shall be placed

in my hands; to ask if the officers have been elected for the ensuing term; if they are free from all charges, pecuniary or otherwise, upon your Lodge books; and whether you are now ready to proceed with the ceremony of installation?

Noble Grand. Worthy Grand Marshal, the charter of this Lodge is in the Lodge room, and in my keeping. The Treasurer will pay over to you the dues of the Lodge, or show you the Grand Secretary's receipt for the same. The officers for the ensuing term have been elected; they each and all stand free from all charges upon our Lodge books. You will please inform the M. W. Grand Master that we are prepared for installation and await his pleasure.

After receiving the dues, the Grand Marshal again salutes the Noble Grand (with the baton) and retires. The procession being formed, the Grand Officers approach the door.

Grand Marshal. The Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows of ———.

Inside Guardian. Noble Grand, the Grand Lodge.

Noble Grand. In the name of Friendship, Love and Truth, admit them.

They enter and pass to the centre of the hall. The Lodge rises. The Grand Master steps in front.

Grand Master. Noble Grand, by authority of the R. W. Grand Lodge of ——— we appear here this evening for the purpose of installing into their respective chairs the officers of this Lodge. You will please direct your officers to surrender their respective chairs to the Grand Officers in attendance; and you will now please take your seat as Sitting Past Grand of this Lodge for the current term.

Noble Grand. Officers of —— Lodge, you will surrender your chairs to the officers of the R. W. Grand Lodge of——.

The Grand Master will take the Noble Grand's chair, the Grand Warden will take the Vice Grand's, the Grand Secretary will take the Secretary's, and the Grand Treasurer will take the Treasurer's chair.

Grand Master. My brethren, you will please be seated. Worthy Grand Marshal, you will retire with the officers elect for examination. It is unnecessary for me to remind you that that duty should be faithfully performed.

After the examination of the candidates, the Grand Marshal will announce, through the Grand Guardian.

The Grand Marshal with the officers elect for installation.

The Grand Marshal and officers elect will enter in procession, the Lodge remaining seated; each of the officers may be supported by two who have passed the same office; and will form a line on the left of the Noble Grand's chair. During the march into the Lodge the following may be sung:

INSTALLATION ODE.

Come let us swell the joyful note,
And hail the chosen band,
Who, in compliance with our vote,
To night before us stand.
Our Noble and Vice Grand will now
To seats of honor move,
And bear the ensign on their brow
Of Friendship, Truth and Love.

Hail! all our officers elect,
Of high and low degree,
Hail! each with due and kind respect,
What'er his station be:
We place reliance in their zeal,
That they will worthy prove,
And stamp their actions with the seal
Of Friendship, Truth and Love.

Grand Marshal. M. W. Grand Master, I present to you for installation, our worthy brother ——, whom the brethren of this Lodge have elected Noble Grand for the present term.

Grand Master. [To the Noble Grand elect.] Brother, do you accept of the office to which you have been elected.

Noble Grand elect. I do.

Grand Master. [To the Lodge.] Brethren, are you content with the choice you have made of Noble Grand?

Answer.——. Should any objection be expressed, the Grand Master, if the installation be in public, will recall the officers to their respective chairs, and with the Grand Officers will retire. If the installation be in private, it will be the duty of the Grand Master to examine its nature; and if it should appear that the election has been effected by irregular or illegal means, the Grand Master shall order a new election to take place at that time, which he shall conduct; and the person then elected, if qualified, shall be installed. These directions apply to all the officers.

Grand Master. M. W. Grand Marshal, have you examined the Noble Grand elect, to ascertain whether he is sufficiently acquainted with the various lectures and instructions to enable him to deliver them according to his office? Have you ascertained whether he has rendered sufficient previous service in office, and is free from all charges on the books of this Lodge, of whatsoever kind?

Grand Marshal. I have, M. W. Grand Master, and find the brother competent and eligible to fill the honorable station to which he has been elected by the brothers of this Lodge.

Grand Master. Noble Grand elect, will you promise to submit to your charges; to be obedient to the mandates of the Grand Lodge of the ———; to support the regulations of our Order; to act with justice toward all brothers, as is the duty of a Noble Grand?

Noble Grand elect. I will.

Grand Master. Your apparent willingness to conform to the charges and regulations of our Order, the proficiency you have made therein, your moral standing, your freedom from indebtedness to the Lodge, and the voice of a majority thereof, entitle you to be now installed into the office of Noble Grand of this Lodge. You will therefore, place your right hand upon your left breast, and repeat after me:

NOBLE GRAND'S O. B. N.

In the presence of the members of the Order here assembled, I, ———, do promise, declare and say, that I will perform the duties of Noble Grand of this Lodge until the end of the present term; and will support, maintain, and abide by the Constitution, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows of the ———, as well as the Constitution and By-Laws of this Lodge. I furthermore promise, that I will not give the means whereby to gain admission to any person except a member of this Lodge in good standing. I will, to the utmost of my power, enforce the laws and preserve order and decorum in the Lodge. I will judge of every transaction that comes before me without prejudice or partiality; see that the obligations to candidates for membership are legally administered; and, should the Grand Lodge direct, I will deliver the warrant or dispensation of this Lodge to the Grand Master. All this I promise to fulfil, unless prevented by sickness, or some other unavoidable occurrence. To the performance of all which I pledge my most sacred honor.

Grand Master. W. Grand Marshal, you will proceed to invest the Noble Grand in the regalia of his office.

Grand Marshal. By command of the M. W. Grand Master, I invest you with this collar, jewel, and other regalia, which are emblems of your office.

Grand Master. Noble Grand, you will receive from us the Constitution and By-Laws of your Lodge; you are to take them for your guide, and cause them to be frequently read in your Lodge. You will please be seated at our right hand.

Grand Marshal. M. W. Grand Master, I present to you for installation, our worthy brother ———, whom the brethren of this Lodge have elected Vice Grand for the present term.

Grand Master. Brother, do you accept the office to which you have been elected?

Vice Grand elect. I do.

Grand Master. Brethren of the Lodge, are you content with the choice you have made of Vice Grand?

Answer. (As in case of Noble Grand.)

Grand Master. W. Grand Marshal, have you examined the Vice Grand elect, to ascertain whether he is sufficiently acquainted with the various lectures and instructions to enable him to assist in delivering them according to his office? Have you ascertained whether he has rendered sufficient previous service in office, and is free from all charges on the books of this Lodge, of whatsoever kind?

Grand Marshal. I have, M. W. Grand Master, and find the brother competent and eligible to fill the honorable station to which he has been elected by the brothers of this Lodge.

Grand Master. Vice Grand elect, will you promise to yield a like obedience to your charges and the mandates of the R. W. Grand Lodge as the Noble Grand; to assist him in the execution of his office; to use your efforts in promoting the harmony and welfare of the Lodge, and to increase love among your brethren?

Vice Grand elect. I will.

Grand Master. In consequence of your avowed willingness to enter upon, and perform the duties of Vice Grand of this Lodge, you will now proceed with our W. Grand Marshal to the chair of your office, where you will be installed. W. Grand Marshal, you will present the Vice Grand elect to our R. W. Grand Warden for obligation.

Grand Marshal. R. W. Grand Warden, by command of our M. W. Grand Master, I present you brother —, the Vice Grand elect, for obligation.

Grand Warden. Vice Grand elect, you will please place your right hand upon your left breast, and repeat after me:

VICE GRAND'S O. B. N.

In the presence of the members of the Order now assembled, I —, do promise, declare and say, that I will perform the duties of Vice Grand of this Lodge until the

end of the present term; and, in the absence of the Noble Grand, to the utmost of my ability, perform all the duties he has obligated himself to do; that I will restrain every improper sentiment, and strictly administer the obligations to candidates for membership, or cause the same to be done by a Past Grand or Past Vice Grand. All this I promise to fulfil, unless prevented by sickness or some unavoidable occurrence. To the performance of all which I pledge my most sacred honor.

Grand Master. W. Grand Marshal, you will proceed to invest the Vice Grand in the regalia of his office.

Grand Marshal. By command of the M. W. Grand Master, I invest you with the badges of your office. In receiving them, you will not cease to remember that the preference of the Lodge has placed them upon you, in the full confidence that while you wear them their purity shall not be blemished.

Grand Warden. Vice Grand, I present to you a copy of the constitution and by-laws of your Lodge, which you will make your study, in order that you may assist the Noble Grand in the performance of his duties; and this gavel, which indicates that you are to assist him in the exercise of his authority. You will now take your seat as Vice Grand of this Lodge for the present term.

Grand Marshal. M. W. Grand Master, I present to you for installation our worthy brother _____, whom the brethren of this Lodge have elected Secretary.

Grand Master. Brother, do you accept the office to which you have been elected?

Secretary elect. I do.

Grand Master. Brethren of the Lodge, are you content in the choice you have made of Secretary?

Answer, (As in case of the Noble Grand.)

Grand Master. W. Grand Marshal, have you examined the Secretary elect, and ascertained whether he has attained sufficient degrees to entitle him to the office? Have you ascertained whether he is free from all charges on the books, of whatsoever kind?

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Grand Marshal. I have, M. W. Grand Master, and find the brother fully qualified to fill the office to which he has been elected.

Grand Master. Worthy Secretary elect, will you engage to perform the duties of Secretary of this Lodge faithfully and punctually, and to comply with the requisitions of the Grand Lodge?

Secretary elect. I will.

Grand Master. Having expressed your willingness to enter upon and perform the duties of Secretary of this Lodge, our W. Grand Marshal will conduct you to the chair of your office, where the obligation appertaining to it will be administered unto you. W. Grand Marshal, you will present the Secretary elect to our R. W. Grand Secretary.

Grand Marshal. R. W. Grand Secretary, by command of our M. W. Grand Master, I present to you brother———, the Secretary elect, for obligation.

Grand Secretary. Worthy Secretary elect, you will place your right hand upon your left breast and repeat after me:

When all the duties of Secretary are performed by one Secretary, the obligation will be administered thus:

SECRETARY'S O. B. N.

In presence of the members of the Order now assembled, I,———, do promise, declare, and say, that I will keep accurate minutes of the transactions of this Lodge; I will keep correctly the accounts between this Lodge and its members; I will pay all moneys into the hands of the Treasurer, taking his receipt for the same; and that I will, as soon as practicable, forward to the Treasurer copies of the resolutions authorizing drafts of moneys on him. I furthermore promise that I will not wrong the Lodge or a brother to the value of anything; and that I will not take part or share, directly or indirectly, in any illegal distribution of the funds or other property of the Lodge, but will, to the best of my ability and the utmost of my power, endeavor to prevent any attempt at any such perversion of the property of the Lodge; and I will deliver all books and papers belonging to the Lodge, to my successor in office, and perform such other duties as

the Lodge may require. All this I promise to fulfil, unless prevented by sickness or some unavoidable circumstance. To the performance of all which I pledge my most sacred honor.

Should the duties of Secretary be divided between a Secretary for recording, etc., and a Permanent Secretary for the accounts, the obligation for Secretary will be administered thus :

RECORDING SECRETARY'S O. B. N.

In presence of the members of the Order now assembled, I, _____, do promise, declare and say, that I will keep accurate minutes of the transactions of this Lodge; and that I will, as soon as practicable, forward to the Treasurer copies of all resolutions authorizing drafts of moneys on him. I furthermore promise that I will not wrong the Lodge or a brother to the value of anything; and that I will not take part or share, directly or indirectly, in any illegal distribution of the funds or other property of the Lodge, but will, to the best of my ability and the utmost of my power, endeavor to prevent any attempt at such perversion of the property of the Lodge; and I will deliver all books and papers belonging to the Lodge to my successor in office, and perform such other duties as the Lodge may require. All this I promise to fulfil, unless prevented by sickness or some unavoidable circumstance. To the performance of all which I pledge my most sacred honor.

Grand Master. W. Grand Marshal, you will now invest the Secretary with the regalia of his office.

Grand Marshal. By command of the M. W. Grand Master, I invest you with the badges of your office. In wearing this regalia of the important office to which you have been elevated, it is our hope that you will not for a moment lose sight of the responsibilities resting upon you, so that you may surrender it to your successor with as much honor to yourself as you now receive it.

Grand Secretary. Worthy Secretary, I present to you these books and papers, the property of your office; and this seal of the Lodge, which is to remain in your official keeping.

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You will now take your seat as Secretary of this Lodge for the present term.

When there is a Permanent Secretary, he will be presented, etc., to the Grand Master in the same manner and form as above described for the Secretary, taking care to insert the word "Permanent" before the word "Secretary," wherever it occurs; and he will be obligated thus:

PERMANENT SECRETARY'S O. B. N.

In the presence of the members of the Order now assembled, I, ———, do promise, declare and say, that I will keep correctly the accounts between the Lodge and its members, and will pay all moneys in my hands to the Treasurer, taking his receipt for the same. I furthermore promise that I will not wrong the Lodge or a brother to the value of any thing; and that I will not take part or share directly or indirectly, in any illegal distribution of the funds or other property of the Lodge, but will, to the best of my ability and the utmost of my power, endeavor to prevent any attempt at such perversion of the property of the Lodge; and I will deliver all books and papers belonging to the Lodge to my successor in office, and perform such other duties as the Lodge may require. All this I promise to fulfill, unless prevented by sickness or some unavoidable circumstance. To the performance of all which I pledge my most sacred honor.

Grand Master. W. Grand Marshal, you will now invest the Permanent Secretary with the regalia of his office.

Grand Marshal. By command of our M. W. Grand Master, I invest you with the badges of your office. In bearing this distinction among your brethren, be assiduous in discharging the duties of your station.

Grand Secretary. Worthy Permanent Secretary, I present to you the books and papers of your office. You will now take your station as Permanent Secretary for the term of ——— months, as provided by the By-Laws of your Lodge.

Grand Marshal. M. W. Grand Master, I present to you for installation our worthy brother ———, whom the brethren of this Lodge have elected Treasurer.

Grand Master. Brother, do you accept of the office to which you have been elected?

Treasurer elect. I do.

Grand Master. Brethren, are you content in the choice you have made of Treasurer?

Answer. (As in the case of a Noble Grand.)

Grand Master. W. Grand Marshal, have you examined the Treasurer elect, and ascertained whether he has attained sufficient degrees to entitle him to the office? Have you ascertained whether he is free from all charges on the books of whatsoever kind? Has his bond of office been duly and regularly executed, to the benefit and satisfaction of the Lodge?

Grand Marshal. I have, M. W. Grand Master, examined the brother, and find him duly qualified and free from charges. I have also ascertained that his bond has been regularly executed, presented, and accepted, and is now in possession of the Lodge.

Grand Master. Worthy Treasurer elect, will you engage to perform the duties of Treasurer faithfully, as required by the Constitution and By-Laws of the Lodge?

Treasurer elect. I will.

Grand Master. Under this assurance of your disposition to enter upon and perform the duties of Treasurer of this Lodge, our W. Grand Marshal will conduct you to the chair of your office, where the necessary obligation will be administered unto you. W. Grand Marshal, you will present the Treasurer elect to our R. W. Grand Treasurer.

Grand Marshal. R. W. Grand Treasurer, by command of our M. W. Grand Master, I present to you brother —, the Treasurer elect, for obligation.

Grand Treasurer. Worthy Treasurer elect, you will place your right hand upon your left breast, and repeat after me:

TREASURER'S O. B. N.

In the presence of the members of the Order now assembled, I ———, do promise, declare and say, that I will justly and truly perform the duties of Treasurer of this Lodge; I will pay all orders drawn on me by the Noble Grand, or committee duly authorized by the Lodge, after having received from the Secretary a copy of the resolution authorizing the same; I will deliver all books and papers, and pay all moneys in my hands to my successor in office; and I will not wrong this Lodge to the value of any thing; and that I will not take part or share, directly or indirectly, in any illegal distribution of the funds or other property of the Lodge, but will, to the best of my ability, and the utmost of my power endeavor to prevent any attempt at such perversion of the property of the Lodge. All this I promise to fulfil, unless prevented by sickness or some unavoidable circumstance. To the performance of all which I pledge my most sacred honor.

Grand Master. W. Grand Marshal, you will now invest the Worthy Treasurer with the regalia of his office,

Grand Marshal. By command of our M. W. Grand Master, I invest you with the badges of your office. The importance and responsibility of office will always admonish you of the necessity of preserving free from tarnish the honor you have pledged.

Grand Treasurer. Worthy Treasurer, you will receive from me the books and papers of your office. You will now take your seat as Treasurer of this Lodge for the present term.

The Grand Master will retire from the Noble Grand's chair by the left; during which time he will proceed:

Grand Master. Noble Grand, I present to you this gavel, the emblem of your authority, and call upon your brethren to arise. [*The Lodge will rise.*] Receive your authority, and take your seat as Noble Grand of this Lodge. Noble Grand you will now appoint your subordinate officers.

The Noble Grand and Vice Grand will then proceed to make the several appointments of their officers, in manner following:

Noble Grand. Brother——, I appoint you Warden of

this Lodge for the present term. Are you willing to accept that office, and enter upon the duties thereof?

Answer. I am, Noble Grand.

Noble Grand. Brother, you will take your station.

After the appointments have been made, the Grand Master will proceed thus :

Grand Master. Noble Grand, previous to delivering into your keeping the charter and books pertaining to your office, it is necessary that you should enter with us into another obligation. Place yourself in the attitude in which you were last obligated, and repeat :

NOBLE GRAND'S SECOND O. B. N.

I, ———, Noble Grand, do, in the presence of these brethren, most sincerely promise and declare, that I will neither print nor write, nor cause to be printed or written, any part or parts of these charges ; nor will I, in the presence of any person, either read or rehearse, or cause to be understood by any means, any part or parts of them, except in the presence of brothers duly qualified to receive them in legal form. Nor will I at any time permit them to be taken from my keeping by any person or persons, excepting the Most Worthy Grand Master or his Deputy, or a committee from the Grand Lodge, and the Noble Grand who shall have been elected to succeed me. I furthermore promise that I will not wrong this Lodge or the Grand Lodge of this jurisdiction, to the value of anything ; and that I will not take part or share, directly or indirectly, in any illegal distribution of the funds or other property of the Lodge, but will, to the best of my ability and the utmost of my power, endeavor to prevent any attempt at such perversion of the property of the Lodge. To the performance of all which I pledge my most sacred honor.

Grand Master. Having full confidence in your integrity, we here present you with the books pertaining to your office, the constitution, by-laws, rules and general regulations of the Grand Lodge of the ———, and the charter under which this Lodge exists. And it is your duty that these, severally, shall be present in the Lodge when open, and at the installation of your successor.

CHARGES TO BE DELIVERED BY THE INSTALLING
GRAND OFFICER.

Most Noble Grand: You have been elected and installed into the office of Noble Grand of ——— Lodge No. —, for the present term, and until the installation of your successor; and, as it will be your duty to preside at the meetings of the Lodge, much of the peace, harmony and prosperity thereof will depend upon you. It is therefore necessary that you should deeply impress on your mind the important duties of your station. Among them we would particularly bring to your notice the necessity of requiring the regular indications of good standing of every person who desires to visit your Lodge. Admit none, unless it may be your own members, without it. In the performance of your duties, act without fear or partiality; be zealous, yet temper your zeal with prudence, and maintain in yourself a tranquil temper, a generous disposition and an unsullied character, that your decisions and instructions may be received with respect and attentively observed. You are bound to obey the laws of the Grand Lodge, and to execute those of the Lodge over which you preside; you must, therefore, screen none who may violate them, and enforce the transaction of Lodge business with punctuality and dispatch.

Worthy Vice Grand: You must carefully attend to the support of order in the Lodge; and at all times, when the Noble Grand is otherwise engaged, his duties will devolve upon you; and should he at any time omit anything appertaining to his office, it will be not only your privilege, but your duty, to appraise him thereof.

In the following charge, the parts in italic will be omitted when there is a Permanent Secretary.

Worthy Secretary: You are charged with the care of the books of the Lodge; you must keep a record of the proceedings of every Lodge meeting; you must fill up all summonses, and write all letters and communications that may be ordered by the Noble Grand. You must be punctual, correct and faithful in the discharge of your office. *You must keep your accounts regularly posted, so that no dispute arise, and be ready at all times to render to the Noble Grand statements of arrears of the brethren, so that their rights be not abused;* and no person is privileged to interfere with your books, except the Noble Grand the M. W. Grand Master, or the R.

W. Deputy Grand Master of your district. At the end of your term you will render a faithful report of the work of the Lodge for the Grand Lodge, and every assistance to the committee appointed to examine the books, etc., that they may require.

Worthy Treasurer: You have in charge the funds of this Lodge; be correct, careful and honest, and secure the Lodge against any loss, or possibility of loss, by or through you. On the proper management of the fiscal concerns of the Lodge mainly depends its ability to render assistance where it is needed, and at the time it may be required. It is expected of you to keep your accounts in such a manner as to enable you to inform the Lodge of its pecuniary condition; and so that you can at any moment, when called upon, surrender your trust, together with all books, papers and funds in your possession belonging to the Lodge.

Worthy Permanent Secretary: You are charged with the care of the accounts between this Lodge and its members; you must be punctual, correct and faithful in the discharge of your duty; keep your accounts regularly posted, so that no dispute arise, and be ready at all times to render to the Noble Grand statements of the arrears of the brethren, so that their rights be not abused. At the end of your term of office you will prepare for the Grand Lodge the annual report required by the regulations; and at the end of each term render such facilities to the committee appointed to examine the books, etc., as may be required by them. No person is at liberty to interfere with your books, etc., except the Noble Grand, the M. W. Grand Master, or the R. W. Deputy Grand Master of your district.

[On presenting the Warden and Outside Guardian for installation, the Grand Marshal will say: I present to you brother ———, who has been appointed Warden (or Outside Guardian) of this Lodge, and whom, on examination, I find to have attained the proper degrees for the office.]

Worthy Warden: Your duty calls upon you to do all you can while in the Lodge to make the brothers comfortable; you must examine every person in the room when the Lodge is about to be opened; deliver your charge to candidates at initiation, take care of the regalia of the Lodge; and convey all summonses that may be issued.

Worthy Outside Guardian : You have charge of the ante-room ; you will see that no person shall enter it who cannot prove himself according to the regulations of our Order. You will secure the outer door against improper intrusion ; and submit all cases of doubt to the Noble Grand for decision.

Worthy Conductor : You will receive candidates for initiation in the ante-room, give the charge according to your office, and assist the Worthy Warden while in the Lodge.

Worthy Inside Guardian : Prove every brother before you admit him, according to the regulations of our Order ; see that he is in proper regalia ; report his name to the Noble Grand, or when the door is in charge of the Vice Grand, to that officer ; and let no one pass out or return, without the Vice Grand's pass-word of the night.

Worthy R. Supporter of the Noble Grand : It is your duty to open and close the Lodge in due form ; to advise with the Noble Grand, and to take his seat during a temporary absence.

Worthy L. Supporter of the Noble Grand : It is your duty to see that every brother who enters the room is in proper regalia, and makes his address to the chair.

Worthy R. and L. Supporters of the Vice Grand : The duties of your stations require you to support the Left Supporter of the Noble Grand in the duty of his office. The R. Supporter will take the seat of the Vice Grand during a temporary absence.

Worthy R and L. Scene Supporters : You will assist at initiations according to your offices.

It is expected that the Grand Master will here deliver a short address appropriate to the occasion, if the time will permit ; and instruct the Grand Marshal to make the usual declaration.

Grand Marshal. And now, by command of the M. W. Grand Master, and in the name and by the authority of the R. W. Grand Lodge of ———, of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows, I do declare the officers of ——— Lodge, No.

——, installed into their respective offices for the current term, in —— form.

The brethren will answer: So be it.

When the installing officers are about to retire, notice will be given to the Noble Grand by the Grand Marshal; the Lodge will rise, and the procession will move out in order, led by the Grand Marshal, and the M. W. Grand Master bringing up the rear.

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FORM

—OF—

FUNERAL PROCESSION

REGALIA AND SERVICE.

FUNERAL CEREMONY.

REGALIA.

1. *Resolved*, That the regalia to be worn by all brothers of the Order, when attending the funeral of a deceased brother, be as follows

A black crape rosette, having a centre of the color of the highest degree to which the wearer may have attained, to be worn on the left breast; above it a sprig of evergreen, and below it (if the wearer be an elective or Past Officer) the jewel or jewels which as such he may be entitled to wear.

2. *Resolved*, That the ordinary mourning badge to be worn by brothers in memory of a deceased brother, be a strip of black crape passed through one button-hole only of the left lapel of the coat, and tied with a narrow ribbon of the color of the highest degree to which the wearer may have attained.

[NOTE.—The several State Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments may, at their discretion, permit the usual regalia of the Order to be worn at funerals, either in connection with, or as a substitute for the simple regalia above described.]

PROCESSION.

3. *Resolved*, That the order of procedure at the funeral of a deceased brother be as follows:

At the appointed hour the Subordinate Lodge of which such brother was a member shall meet at its Lodge room, and the Noble Grand, or in his absence the Vice Grand, or, in the absence of both, the Senior Past Grand, present, shall appoint a Marshal, and such number of Assistant Marshals as may be required; the Lodge shall then pass in procession from the Lodge room to the place from which the funeral may have been appointed to start, in the following order:

1. The Marshal, wearing a black scarf and bearing a baton bound with black crape.
2. The Outside Guardian, bearing a red staff in like mourning.
3. The Scene Supporters, bearing white wands in like mourning.
4. Members of the Initiatory Degree, in order of juniority, two abreast.
5. Members of the White, Pink, Royal Blue, Green and Scarlet Degrees, respectively in like order.
6. Members of the Lodge having the Patriarchal, Golden Rule and Royal Purple Degrees, respectively, in like order.
7. The Past Grands of the Lodge, in order of juniority.
8. The Inside Guardian, bearing the regalia and insignia indicative of the rank in the Order of the deceased brother.
9. The Treasurer, Assistant, Permanent or Financial Secretary or Secretaries, and the Secretary of the Lodge.
10. The Vice Grand, supported by the R. and L. Supporters, each bearing his wand of office bound with a band of black crape.

11. The Chaplain, wearing a white scarf, and supported by the Warden and Conductor, each bearing his staff of office in like mourning.

12. The Noble Grand, supported by his R. and L. Supporters, each bearing his wand of office in like mourning.

Invited brethren will take places with the members of the Lodge, according to their rank. The Lodges, when more than one attend, shall be arranged in order of juniority, preceding the Lodge conducting the ceremonies.

On arriving at the place appointed for the starting of the funeral, the brothers shall take position in the above order immediately before the corpse, and shall precede it to the place of interment.

On arriving at such place of interment, the brothers shall open to the right and left, and allow the corpse, mourners, etc., to pass through, the brothers on either side standing uncovered, the hat held in the left hand of each, and joining hands with each other. And after the passing of the corpse, mourners, etc., between the two lines, the brothers shall reform in procession after them in reversed order, and close the procession into and within the place of interment.

After the performance of such religious service as the friends of the deceased may cause to be there performed, and before the final closing of the grave, the brothers shall form silently, and as nearly as may be according to the order above set forth, uncovered, the hat in the left hand of each, and joining hands with each other in one or more circles, as regular as the nature of the ground may admit, around the grave, when the Chaplain, or in default of a Chaplain, the N. G. may address the brothers and offer up a prayer, or may address the brethren without the offering of a prayer; and after such address or prayer, or if there be no address or prayer, then after a pause suited to the solemnity of the occasion, the N. G. shall advance singly to the head of the grave, and cast into it, with the right hand, the sprig of evergreen from his regalia, and shall return to his place; whereupon the brothers from left to right in regular succession, and in such numbers at a time as not to cause confusion, shall advance to the grave, shall cast into it (each with the right hand) the sprig of ever-

given from their regalia, and shall return to their place. And after all have done this, and the grave shall have been filled up or closed, the brothers shall silently re-form into procession, according to the order observed in coming to the place of interment, and shall return in such order to the Lodge room, where the N. G. shall declare the funeral ceremonies to be closed.

4. *Resolved*, That if, at the time of his death, the deceased brother was a member of an Encampment, the Encampment may attend the funeral in a body, in order similar to that prescribed for Lodges, and shall take the position in line designated as No. 6; but in all cases the funeral ceremonies shall be conducted by the Subordinate Lodge, except that if the brother was a past or present elective officer of a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, then the ceremonies may be conducted by such Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment.

FUNERAL SERVICE.

We are assembled, my brethren, to render the last office which the living may minister to the dead.

Man is born to die. The coffin, the grave, the sepulchre, speak to us in language that cannot be misunderstood, however unheeded it may be, of "man's latter end." Youth, in its harmlessness and comparative innocency, and manhood with its wonted vigor and pride of strength, are not more exempt than decrepit and tottering age from the fixed law of being, which dedicates all that is mortal to decay and death.

This truth is inscribed in the great volume of Nature upon its every page. The beautiful and the sublime, which the handiwork of the Creator displays on every side, fearfully associate the unerring certainty of the end of all things, amid the vividness of the moral which they are ever suggesting to the contemplative mind.

Day after day we are called upon to follow our fellow-creatures to that bourne from whence no traveler returns: but from the house of mourning we go forth again to mingle in the crowded world, heedless perhaps of the precarious tenure of life, and the certainty of that end to which all flesh is rapidly tending. He who gives the vigor of body, with-

out warning paralyzes the stout heart and strikes down the athletic frame. The living of to-day become the dead of the morrow.

Men appear upon and disappear from the stage of life, as wave meets wave and parts upon the troubled waters. "In the midst of life we are in death." He whose lips now echo these tones of solemn warning, in turn will be stilled in the cold and cheerless house of the dead, and in the Providence of God none may escape.

Let us, then, so far improve the lesson as to be prepared for that change which leads to life eternal.

PRAYER.

Our Father and our God, who art the resurrection and the life, in whom whosoever believeth shall live though he die, and whosoever liveth and believeth in Thee shall not die—hear, we beseech Thee, the voice of Thy creatures here assembled, and turn not away from our supplications.

We humbly beseech Thee so to imbue us with a conviction of our entire helplessness and dependence upon Thee, that we may be brought to meditate upon the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death. In the dispensation of Thy Providence, Thou hast summoned from amongst us our brother, and we, the surviving monuments of Thy mercy, are gathered together to commit his remains to the earth. Give, O God, we beseech Thee, Thy Holy Spirit to us, whom Thou hast spared; increase our knowledge and confirm our faith in Thee forever.

[Bless and comfort, we pray Thee, those whom it has pleased Thee to add to the number of the disconsolate; buoy them up under this heavy stroke, sustain them against despondency. O! wilt Thou be their Father and their God, and pour down from on high Thy blessings upon their heads.] Bless, O Heavenly Father, the brethren here assembled; imbue them with the wisdom of Thy laws, and draw them unto Thee by the cords of Thy inestimable love; impress them with their duty to each other as brethren, and their obligations in the various relations of human life; and, finally, bless our beloved Order throughout the globe. Pre-

serve its principles and its purposes from innovation ; sustain it from the shafts of enmity ; protect it from self-immolation, and shield it from all evil, and unto Thee we shall render the praise, forever.—Amen.

[NOTE.—The form of prayer adopted, with funeral address and ceremony, is left optional with Lodges or Encampments, whether they use it or none ; the form prescribed to be used, if any.]

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CEREMONY TO BE OBSERVED

IN

Laying Corner Stones of Public Edifices.

FORM OF LAYING CORNER STONES OF PUBLIC EDIFICES.

The following form for laying corner stones of public edifices was adopted by the Grand Lodge of the United States, at the session of 1860 :

CEREMONY TO BE OBSERVED IN LAYING CORNER STONES.

On the day appointed the Lodge will be opened in due form, and the procession, formed after the following order, proceed to the foundation of the building :

OUTSIDE GUARDIAN.

Two and two.	{	Initiate Members.	}	MARSHAL.
		First Degree.		
		Second Degree.		
		Third Degree.		
		Fourth Degree.		
		Fifth Degree.		
		Past Vice Grands.		
		Past Grands.		

Four P. G.'s bearing stone on hand-barrow.

Scene	{	TREASURER,	}	Scene
Supporters.	{	with deposits.	}	Supporters.
Warden.	{	SECRETARY,	}	Conductor.
	{	bearing copper plate.	}	
Supporter	{	VICE GRAND,	}	Supporter
to V. G.	{	with Holy Bible.	}	to V. G.
Past Grand.	{	BANNER,	}	Past Grand.
	{	borne by a P.G.	}	
Supporter.		NOBLE GRAND.		Supporter.
ASSISTANT MARSHAL.				

INSIDE GUARDIAN.

On arriving at the foundation, the procession will open to the right and left, and change the rear to the front. The Noble Grand will, with his Vice Grand and Supporters, take his position on a platform, to be previously prepared for the purpose, near the stone—the Treasurer and Secretary immediately by the stone. A piece of music may be performed, or an ode sung, after which the principal workman will address the Noble Grand as follows:

Principal Workman. Most Noble Sir, being desirous that the foundation stone of this building should be laid with appropriate ceremonies by your honorable Order, I have, therefore, solicited your attendance upon the present occasion, and hope that it may now be your pleasure to proceed in the performance of that service; the necessary preparations are all made and now await your directions.

Noble Grand. In compliance with your request, so politely tendered, I now proceed to discharge the duty desired, hoping that the building which will arise upon this foundation may reflect credit upon your skill, and be completed with satisfaction to the owners and profit to the workmen.

The Treasurer will then present to the Noble Grand the things to be deposited—gold and silver coin, laws of the Order and other things—the Noble Grand receiving them, shall direct the Treasurer to deposit them in the stone, naming them aloud. The Secretary will then present the Noble Grand the copper plate, upon which must be engraven the purpose for which the building is intended, the name and officers of the Lodge by whom the stone is laid, the day of the month and year, together with the name of the then Grand Sire of the United States, Grand Master of the State, President of the United States, and Governor of State. The Noble Grand will then direct the Secretary to put it in its place, after having read aloud the inscription. The stone is then let down into its place, the Noble Grand proclaiming:

Noble Grand. In the name of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and the Grand Lodge of the State of ———, I pronounce the first stone of this building, intended for (here state its object), to be laid in regular form and order.

Brethren. So be it.

Music.

An oration.

The Procession will then return to the Lodge room, and the Lodge closed in due form.

FORM FOR LAYING CORNER STONES

OF

ODD-FELLOWS' HALLS.

CEREMONY OF LAYING THE CORNER STONE OF AN ODD-FELLOWS' HALL.

If practicable, this ceremony should be performed by the Grand Master, or some Grand Officer duly commissioned by him for that purpose.

Should a Grand Officer not be present, the ceremony may be performed by the Noble Grand, or some Past Grand appointed by him.

When the Grand Master or other Grand Officer officiates, he, with the other Grand Officers and members of the Grand Lodge present, shall assemble with the brethren in the regular Lodge room, or some appropriate place adjacent to the site of the new building, and proceed in procession, in regalia, to the place of ceremony in the following order:

Grand Marshal of Grand Lodge.
Music.

Marshal of Lodge.

Escort—Lodge banner—Escort.

Outside Guardian, with drawn sword.

Scene Supporters, with white rods.

Members of the Initiatory degree, in order of juniority, two abreast.

Members of the White, Pink, Royal Blue, Green and Scarlet degrees, respectively, in like order.

Inside Guardian with drawn sword.

Secretaries and Treasurer.

Vice Grand, supported by his R. and L. Supporters, each bearing his wand of office.

The Chaplain, wearing a white scarf, and supported by the Warden and Conductor, each bearing his wand of office.

The Noble Grand, supported by his R. and L. Supporters, each bearing his wand of office.

Marshal of Encampment.

Escort—Encampment banner—Escort.

Outside Sentinel, with drawn sword.

Members of Patriarchal, Golden Rule and Royal Purple degrees, in order of juniority.

Inside Sentinel, with drawn sword.

Scribe and Treasurer.

Senior and Junior Wardens, each with crooks.

High Priest, supported by Guards of the Tent, each with a spear.

Chief Patriarch.

Marshal of Grand Encampment.

Escort—Banner of Grand Encampment—Escort.

Grand Sentinel, with drawn sword.

Members of Grand Encampment in order of juniority.

Grand Senior and Junior Wardens.

Grand Scribe and Grand Treasurer.

M. E. Grand High Priest, supported by two Past High Priests, carrying crooks.

M. W. Grand Patriarch.

Escort.	{	Banner of Grand Lodge,	}	Escort.
		carried by Grand		
		Herald.		

Grand Guardian, with drawn sword.

Members of Grand Lodge in order of juniority.

Grand Secretary,	Grand Treasurer
with documents, etc., for	with copper box to be de-
deposit in box.	posited in corner stone.

Grand Chaplain, with open Bible,
on which is laid a wreath of flowers,
supported on the right by the Grand Warden, carrying a silver vessel containing water, and
on the left by the Grand Conductor,
carrying a silver vessel containing wheat.

Deputy Grand Master and Orator.

M. W. Grand Master with gavel.

NOTE.—If no Grand Officer is in attendance, and the ceremony is to be performed by the N. G., or a P. G. by him appointed, the members of the Encampment take their place in the procession immediately after the Scarlet members—then follow the P. G.'s, then the Secretary and Treasurer—the former carrying the documents, etc., to be deposited in the box, and the latter carrying the copper box to be placed in the corner stone; then the V. G., with his supporters; then the Chaplain, with Bible and wreath of flowers laid thereon, supported by the Warden on the right, carrying a silver vessel containing water, and on the left by the Conductor, carrying a silver vessel containing wheat; then a P. G. with the Orator of the day; then the N. G., with gavel, attended by his proper supporters.

Should the Grand Sire perform the ceremony, and the Grand Lodge of the United States join in the procession, the Grand Marshal of that body

(with his aids) takes position at the head of the column, and has charge of the procession; in which case the Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction will take position in front of his Grand Lodge, which shall be formed as directed, except that the officers named (Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, etc.,) shall appear without the articles to be used in laying the corner stone.

The Grand Lodge of the United States will take position immediately after the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction in the following order:

Escort. { Banner of Grand Lodge
of the United States,
carried by Grand Messenger. } Escort.

Grand Guardian, with drawn sword.

Representatives and P. G. Representatives according to
juniority of jurisdictions.

Past Grand Sires according to juniority.

G. C. & R. Secretary, with documents, etc., for deposit in box.	Grand Treasurer, with copper box to be de- posited in corner stone.
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Grand Chaplain with open Bible,
on which is laid a wreath of flowers,
Supported on the right by a Grand Representative,
carrying a silver vessel containing water, and
on the left by a Grand Representative,
carrying a silver vessel contain-
ing wheat.

Deputy Grand Sire and Orator.

M. W. Grand Sire with gavel, supported by two P. G. Sires.

The procession, on reaching a convenient distance from the place of destination will halt, and open to the right and left, so as to allow the principal officers to pass through; the remainder of the brethren closing up in reversed order, will pass three times around the site of the building (if convenient), while the officiating officers take their places on a raised platform, erected contiguous to the north-east angle of the building, where the corner stone is to be laid.

**Grand Master.* My brethren, we have assembled on this occasion to perform an interesting and important ceremony; one which we trust will have its proper influence upon your hearts and minds. The spot on which we stand has been selected upon which to erect a Temple to be consecrated to the great principles of our Order; and we are here to-day to

* Should the ceremony be performed by the Grand Sire, the title of that officer should be substituted for that of Grand Master. A Grand Officer, or a P. G. acting for and under a commission from the Grand Master, shall be addressed by the title of Grand Master. If the ceremony is performed by the N. G., or a P. G. by him appointed, the title of N. G. shall be used.

inaugurate the enterprise by laying the first foundation or corner-stone in the structure, with the solemn ceremonies befitting such an occasion.

The work so auspiciously begun can be consummated only by persevering effort and patient industry, and we should enter upon it with a determination to carry it forward to completion, until its cap-stone shall be brought with rejoicings, and the edifice shall present beauty, symmetry and proportion every way adapted to the uses and purposes for which it is designed.

Before proceeding to the immediate duties of the occasion, it is right and proper that we invoke the Divine blessing, without which no good work can succeed. Our Grand Chaplain will now address the Throne of Grace.

The Grand Master gives three raps with the gavel.

Grand Chaplain. O Thou who didst lay the foundations of the earth, and in whom alone we live and move and have our being, we beseech Thee of Thy great goodness to command Thy blessing to rest upon the work which we this day begin: honor it with Thine approving smile, and prosper it to its final accomplishment and to the glory of Thy great name, and the happiness of all mankind.—Amen.

Response by the brethren. So may it be!

The Grand Secretary will then read the record to be deposited in the stone, with a list of the documents, coin, etc., and hand the list, with the articles to be deposited to the Grand Treasurer, who will place the same in the box. The Grand Master, accompanied by the Grand Warden, Grand Conductor, Grand Chaplain and Grand Treasurer, will then descend to the stone. The Grand Treasurer will then present the box to the Grand Master, who will place it in the cavity prepared for it, and adjust the lid. The stone will then be fitted accurately to its place.

Grand Master (receiving from the Grand Warden the vessel containing water). In the name of Friendship as pure as this water (*sprinkling it three times upon the stone*), I lay this corner stone; and as it here forms the basis of this edifice, binding together in harmony and consistency the component parts of its superstructure, so may true Friendship ever constitute the foundation of our social fabric, and unite the family of man in one fraternal brotherhood.

Response by the brethren. So may it be!

Grand Master (receiving from the Grand Chaplain the wreath of flowers). In Love, symbolized by these flowers (strewing them three times over the stone), I lay this corner stone; and as it underlies and supports this material temple, so may love ever be the chief foundation stone of the moral temple of our Order; and the divine sentiment of Love ever animate the hearts of all its votaries.

Response by the brethren. So may it be!

Grand Master (receiving from the Grand Conductor the vessel containing wheat). In Truth, represented by this wheat (strewing it three times over the stone), I lay this corner stone; trusting that Truth may ever prevail over error; and that its good seed, sown in our hearts, may bring forth its peaceful fruits in our lives. May the building here to be erected for the inculcation of Truth, ever remain unshaken by the storms of time; and our beloved Order ever rest securely upon the rock of ages.

Response by the brethren. So may it be!

Grand Master (giving three blows of the gavel upon the stone). In benevolence and charity, I lay this corner stone, earnestly praying that as it is firmly fixed in this solid foundation, so may those cardinal virtues immutably repose in our organization, and be the constant practice of our Order.

Response by the brethren. So may it be!

The architect will then deliver a trowel, with mortar, to the Grand Master, who shall spread it upon the corner stone, and fix thereon a corresponding stone.

Grand Master. As this cement binds together the stones of the wall, so may the cement of brotherly affection bind us together during all the days of our lives here below; and so may the cement of Divine love, in our Father's own good time, unite us as living stones in the temple above, the "house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

Response by the brethren. So may it be!

The Grand Master and c Chap officers will then return to the platform.

Grand Master. The Deputy Grand Master will now make the proper proclamation.

Deputy Grand Master. By direction of the Most Worthy Grand Master, I declare this corner stone duly laid according to regular and ancient form; and the building that is to rise upon it, devoted to the principles and work of Odd-Fellowship.

Grand Master. The Grand Chaplain will now address the Throne of Grace.

The Grand Master gives three blows with the gavel.

Grand Chaplain. Almighty Architect of the Universe, who spake, and it was done; who commanded, and it stood fast; accept, we humbly pray Thee, the work of our hands this day performed, and strengthen us by Thy blessing to build upon this corner stone a temple in which shall be taught the great principles of Friendship, Love and Truth, and where benevolence and charity shall ever exercise their kindly offices, and be a safe refuge from the deluge of man's passions and the discordant elements of faction and selfishness.

Let Thy blessing abide with those who have zealously undertaken the work of building this edifice, and may they be enabled by Thy good providence to carry it forward to entire completion. Bless, we pray Thee, those who are engaged in the construction of the building; preserve them by Thy mighty power from danger and accident while thus employed. Surround them with Thy protecting care, and may their health and lives be precious in Thy sight and keeping.

We earnestly invoke the continued smile of Thy approving countenance upon our wide-spread and beneficent Order. Give to it, we beseech Thee, the guidance of Thy Holy Spirit, and prosper it in the thing whereunto Thou hast ordained it. Give it success in all its aims and efforts to benefit mankind. May it ever build upon the sure foundations of truth and righteousness, and ever exert a moral influence over the minds and consciences of its entire membership.

Command Thy rich blessing upon the poor, the needy, the friendless and the destitute, and open up the way and the

means for their relief. Bless the widow and the orphan in their affliction, and give unto us sympathizing hearts and open hands to aid them and provide for their wants.

And we pray Thee, God of Love, that the period may soon come when discord and strife and war shall cease from the face of the earth, and the reign of peace shall be universally established—when the law of Love shall control all hearts, and the nations, tribes and kindreds of the earth shall be united together as a band of brothers, and shall acknowledge Thee as their Father; and to Thee we will ascribe all majesty, power and dominion, now and forever.—Amen.

Grand Master. Brethren of ———, the duty assigned us has been performed. We have begun a good work, which it remains for you to finish. Having entered upon so important an enterprise, fail not in carrying it forward to success, which, I am confident, you will achieve. I trust you will here erect a temple worthy of being dedicated to the great cause of humanity, and which will reflect honor upon your zeal in its behalf.

The Grand Master gives three blows with the gavel.

Grand Chaplain. *The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift up his fatherly countenance upon you, and give you peace.—Amen.

ORATION.

The procession will then re-form in the same order and return to the place of starting.

*The benediction of the Grand Chaplain may be pronounced after the oration if desired.

FORM OF DEDICATION
OF AN
ODD-FELLOWS' HALL OR LODGE ROOM.

This ceremony may be performed in the presence of a general audience, or in a Lodge room, with closed doors. If others than members are present, *the honors will be omitted*, and the Grand Officers will enter in due procession and take their appropriate seats. If admission is restricted to members of the Order, a Lodge will be first opened in due form and the Guardians stationed at the doors. The Grand Lodge Officers, properly clothed, will form in another apartment, and approach the outer door, at which the Grand Herald will give the usual alarm.

Outside Guardian. Who comes there?

Grand Herald. The M. W. Grand Master and other officers of the R. W. Grand Lodge of ———, who desire to be admitted in the name of Friendship, Love and Truth, for the purpose of dedicating this hall to the uses of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows, and the diffusion of benevolence and charity.

Outside Guardian. Enter, in the name of Friendship, Love and Truth.

The same dialogue will occur at the inner door, with the Inside Guardian, after which the Grand Lodge Officers will enter the room and take their respective seats, the four brethren appointed as Heralds having seats in front of the Grand Master, when the grand honors will be given. The building will then be delivered to the Grand Master, as follows: by the Noble Grand, or chairman of the building committee, who deposits the keys of the same upon the pedestal. The Grand Officers occupying their appropriate seats, the exercises proceed as follows:

Grand Chaplain. Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings, with Thy most precious favor, and further us with Thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy holy name, and, finally, by Thy mercy, obtain everlasting life.—Amen.

The Lodge being called up, the brethren will unite in singing the following ode:

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ODE.

Brethren of our friendly Order,
Honor here asserts her sway;
All within our sacred border
Must her high commands obey.
Join, Odd-Fellowship of brothers,
In the song of Truth and Love;
Leave disputes and strife to others,
We in harmony must move.

Honor to her courts invites us,
Worthy subjects let us prove;
Strong the chain that here unites us,
Link'd with Friendship, Truth and Love.
In our hearts enshrined and cherished,
May these feelings ever bloom—
Failing not when life has perished,
Living still beyond the tomb.

Grand Marshal. Is it the will and the pleasure of the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows of the State of ———, that the ceremony of dedicating this hall to the business and purposes of Odd-Fellowship do now proceed?

Grand Master. Such is my will and pleasure.

The Noble Grand, President of the hall, association, or committee, will then say:

Noble Grand. M. W. Grand Master: We meet you here to-day to announce that the work in which we have been engaged is finished, and our temple is at last ready to shelter us within its walls. It is not the business of the committee to allude to their own labors, nor the manner in which those labors have been performed; nor would good taste permit them to descant on the fitness of our edifice for the sacred purpose to which it is designed. It is capable of speaking for itself through its proportions and its style. If these fail to impress you, any words of mine would prove worse than useless. I have only to repeat that our work is finished, and in behalf of ——— Lodge, No. ———, and of the Order in this place, I make request that this hall be set apart and dedicated to the business and purposes of Odd-Fellowship.

Grand Master. Noble Grand (or Mr. President of Odd-Fellows' Hall Committee): In the name of and in behalf of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows of the State of ———, I accept, for dedication to the uses of Odd-Fellowship, this hall, which has been constructed under your supervision. To you and your associates the present must be an occasion especially gratifying. To-day you witness the consummation of that for which you have ardently toiled and hoped; to-day you hail the completion of that for which you have zealously and faithfully labored, and to-day you behold the recognition by your brethren, from the North, the South, the East, and the West, of this, the result of your efforts, as a Temple devoted to the service of those whose vocation is to visit the sick, relieve the distressed, bury the dead, educate the orphan—duties which neither interfere with nor supersede the discharge of any other, social, moral or religious.

Brethren, I congratulate you upon the completion of this beautiful hall, which we are about to dedicate to those cardinal virtues which should adorn and elevate humanity, and the names of which we have selected as the motto and watchword of our beloved Order. Beneath this roof you are to encourage one another in the duties of benevolence and charity; before this altar the good works of Friendship, Love and Truth are ever to be presented as the only acceptable sacrifices. From hence, as from a perennial fountain, are to flow the gentle streams of true Friendship, to gladden and make green many waste places. In this quiet retreat are to be cultivated those flowers that Love unfeigned shall scatter on the rugged pathway of life, under many bleeding feet. Here is to be sown the good seed of Truth in many hearts, to spring up and yield its hundred-fold harvest. It is, therefore, not so much this Temple made with hands that should occupy our attention at present, as the great principles that are here to be disseminated. I hope and trust, brethren, that our united efforts, with those of our brethren throughout the globe, may lead to the raising and adorning of a still nobler Temple, which shall be consecrated by the approval of the Supreme Grand Master of the Universe, without the invocation of whose blessing no work should be undertaken.

The Grand Master calls up the members of the Order.

Grand Chaplain. Almighty God, the maker of all worlds; whom we are taught to approach and call by the tender name,

Father; we would humbly draw near and beg Thy blessing on the work in which we are engaged; whatever is amiss in us, do Thou make right by Thy Divine Power, and in all things do Thou overrule our thoughts and deeds to Thy greater glory and the good of our fellow men.—Amen.

Grand Master. I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.

Response. Our feet shall stand within Thy gates, O Jerusalem!

Grand Master. Jerusalem is built as a city that is compact together (at unity in itself).

Response. Whither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, unto the testimony of Israel, to give thanks unto the name of the Lord.

Grand Master. For there are set thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.

Response. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem; they shall prosper that love Thee.

Grand Master. Peace be within Thy walls, and prosperity within Thy palaces.

Response. For my brethren and companions' sakes, I will now say, peace be within Thee.

Grand Master. Because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek Thy good.

Response. So be it.

Grand Master. Hear, hear, hear, all men: By authority, and in the name of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows of the State of ———, I dedicate this hall to the business and purposes of Odd-Fellowship, to disseminate Friendship, Love and Truth, and to diffuse benevolence and charity in their fullest extent, to all its worthy members, and by this solemn act I hereby declare it duly dedicated.

Grand Master. The Grand Marshal will please cause this dedication to be appropriately proclaimed.

Grand Marshal. Brothers, Grand Heralds of the North, of the South, of the East and of the West: By the solemn act of the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of _____, this hall is duly dedicated to the business and purposes of Odd-Fellowship, to disseminate Friendship, Love and Truth, Faith, Hope and Charity, in their fullest extent, to all its worthy members. It is his will and pleasure that the same be proclaimed, which duty you will perform.

Herald of the North. Hear all men: By command of the M. W. Grand Master, and in the name of Friendship, as pure, refreshing and life-giving as this water [*sprinkling it*], I dedicate this hall to the practice of that ennobling virtue, which, uniting men as brethren, teaches them to sustain that relation at all times, each in his turn helping and helped, blessing and blessed.

Response. Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity, for these the Lord commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.

Herald of the South. Hear all men: By command of our M. W. Grand Master, I proclaim this hall dedicated to Love, world-wide and ever-enduring, [*lights the fire on the altar*], and may the fire that is this day kindled upon the altar of our hearts be as perpetual as that which burned upon the altar in the secret tabernacle of the Most High, of which this is but a feeble emblem.

Response. Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels and have not Charity, I am become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal; Charity never faileth.

Herald of the East. Hear all men: By command of our M. W. Grand Master, I proclaim this hall dedicated to the inculcation and cultivation of Truth, [*scattering wheat*], and may the good seed here sown, of which this is the emblem, like the grain sown broadcast on the earth, spring up again an hundred fold, for future use and blessing, and may that ennobling virtue, which lies at the foundation of all other virtues, and which, devoid of guile and hypocrisy, teach us

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sincerity and plain dealing in all our communications, and earnestness in the inculcation of whatever is good and true.

Response. He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart, O Lord, shall abide in Thy Tabernacle and shall dwell in Thy Holy Hill.

Herald of the West. Hear all men: By command of our M. W. Grand Master, I proclaim this hall dedicated to Faith, Hope and Charity. Those graces, like these flowers, [strengthening flowers,] fill the common air with fragrance, beauty, and adorn all on whom they fall. The practice of these highest virtues is in itself the fulfilling of that law which commands us to visit the sick, relieve the distressed, bury the dead and educate the orphan.

Response. A good man sheweth favor and lendeth; he will guide his affairs with discretion; he hath dispersed; he hath given to the poor; his righteousness endureth forever; his horn shall be exalted with honor.

Grand Marshal. M. W. Grand Master: Proclamation has been sent forth to the four quarters of the globe, that all men may hear and know that the principles of Odd-Fellowship have here a dwelling-place.

Grand Master [calling up the Lodge]. The Grand Chaplain will now address the Throne of Grace.

Grand Chaplain. We humbly beseech Thee, O God, to bless the work in which we have now been engaged. Let the lessons we have received sink deep into our hearts, so that this shall have been to us no idle ceremony, but a means of edification in righteousness, and truth, and humanity. May we all leave this place with our good resolutions strengthened, our charities enlarged, and our hearts expanded in all embracing love toward our brethren of every tongue and clime. Bless, O Heavenly Father, the Order of which we are members; aid us in the good work of benevolence and charity, to which we are pledged, and give direction and success to our efforts. Bless this edifice in the promotion of the good objects to which it has this day been set apart. Let Thy protecting care be over the brethren who here shall meet to-

gether ; keep their feet upon the right path, and guide them by Thy power in the way everlasting ; make them faithful to their duties and zealous in every good word and work, so that when the solemn close of life comes ; the soul of each may be stayed on Thee ; and unto Thee, our God and Father, be ascribed glory, and dominion, and power, world without end.—Amen.

Grand Master, [first calling down the Lodge.] My brethren : I trust that the solemn ceremonies of this occasion may not be lost upon our hearts. In setting apart this hall for its noble purposes, we have renewed our vows to practice conscientiously the lessons of our beloved Order. Let us never forget the imperative command of our laws, "To visit the sick, to relieve the distressed, to bury the dead and educate the orphan." Let us not forget, moreover, that besides these good works of charity, Odd-Fellowship has high and important lessons to inculcate ; lessons that, if attentively listened to and practiced by all, would elevate the character of man, and hasten the coming of the promised day of universal peace and love.

Brethren of ——— Lodge, we now again deliver into your hands this beautiful Temple you have elevated to our Order. Joy be within its walls, and peace a constant guest ! May these walls never echo with the sound of an angry or unkind word. May all the influences that flow hence be good and for good, now and forever.—Amen.

Calls up the Lodge.

Grand Chaplain. Now, unto Him, who is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, I commend you and the whole family of man ; and to Him, the only wise God, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, now and forever.—Amen.

Here follows oration.

LIST OF PAST GRAND MASTERS.

*THOMAS REYNOLDS, M. D.	BROCKVILLE, 1856 to 1858.
+CHAUNCEY YALE.....	ST. CATHARINES, 1859.
S. G. DOLSON.	do 1860.
WILLIAM BISSELL.....	LONDON, 1861.
H. C. BINGHAM.....	BRANTFORD, 1862.
JAMES WOODYATT.....	do 1863.
JAMES SMITH.....	LONDON, 1864.
JAMES D. TAIT.....	ST. CATHARINES, 1865.
RICHARD WIGMORE.....	LONDON, 1866.
HENRY McAFEE.....	WINDSOR, 1867.
JOHN BARR.....	HAMILTON, 1868.
THOMAS PARTRIDGE.....	LONDON 1869.
WILLIAM N. FORD.....	ST. MARYS, 1870.
JOHN GIBSON.....	STRATFORD, 1871.
JOHN MURRAY.....	CLIFTON, 1872.
GEORGE WRIGHT, M. D.	TORONTO, 1873.

* Died 14th September, 1859.

† Died 15th April, 1866.

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